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We Have All Known Some Good Bridge Builders

BRIDGE-BUILDERS

By Will Allen Dromgoole

An old man going a lone highway
Came at the evening, cold and gray
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fears for him,
But he stopped when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man" said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with ending day,
You never again will pass this way,
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at evening tide?"
The builder lifted his old grey head
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm which has been as naught to me
To that fair-headed youth a pitfall be,
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him!"

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HIS DREAM

"This being true, I earnestly beseech your prayers that God, in his own way and at the right time, will richly bless the descendents of Daniel Davis and John Worthy with a written family history."

(Quoted from his Mother's Day letter - May 1954)

"T. D."
THOMAS DAVID DAVIS
8-30-1887 — 10-28-1955

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A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS DAVID DAVIS

Any values or pleasures of this book to you in 1956 and to the children of the future comes from the mind and work of the author, T. D. Davis, before he died October 28, 1955. It was his dream to which he devoted the last years of his life - calling it his "labor of love."

We, the committee, feel that such deep boundless love extends to all our homes and families.

We hope that our combined efforts to complete this book will crown his dream to give you and yours a family history and a growing appreciation of our forefathers and loved ones - although it is not the full coverage he once planned.

This work was begun many years ago and it required months and months of letter writing and tabulations to secure this family information. Tracing our forefathers through eight states called for tedious, costly research through aged deeds, wills, inventories, census reports, family letters and marriage records. Too often this work proved to be only a disappointing, false lead. We were granted all this work, time and expense by the late T. D. Davis, his wife, son and two daughters.

T. D., we accept the material gathered during your many years of labor as a gift to thousands living and yet to be. On their behalf, we dedicate this book to your memory and in honor of your father, mother, grandparents and family as we know you would have us do.

We feel bound to pass his work on to you, as best we can although realizing our limitations in meeting his every dream.

May God's richest blessings abide with all of you and yours.

COMMITTEE, MEMBER WORKERS AND DIRECTORS

INFORMATION FOR YOUR GUIDANCE

TO FOLLOW FAMILIES IN THIS BOOK

Any family may be traced forward or backwards by using the page numbers as explained below.

1. See KEY INDEX **Page 26** which lists the (B) JAMES DAVIS **married** children and grandchildren (C's and D's).

2. On the line between the parents names the page number is given which leads to their list of married children and grandchildren. (This applies from C's to D's to E's.)

3. To trace back to older parents from the E, F, G, or H section of the book use the page number at the RIGHT of each C's or D's name.

ABBREVIATIONS

M. Ch., G. Ch., G. G. Ch. - means married children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
No. Ch. - number of children, p - page, h - home place or address, b - born, d - died, Co. - County.
HOME PLACE or ADDRESS is in Mississippi unless another state is named.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Chiefly from family members as taken from family Bibles, Cemetery records, and individuals; also Department of Archives and History, U. S. Census reports, Court House records, deeds, wills, old letters, check books, tax receipts and several histories.

NOTE: Severe illness retarded the author's normal efficiency and limited the perfection in these records that he so desired. Also, after years of work and expense he did not quite finish connecting the oldest family lines as he hoped and planned. It was completed by one genealogist but later questioned by another. Thus the field is yet open for someone to fill in that gap if desired. To avoid prohibitive costs and further delay in printing — only the DAVIS material on hand was used. Regretably some family data was incomplete. Also, recent births, deaths and marriages were not obtained. These may be entered in their own book by family members.

INTRODUCTION

This book deals largely with the many direct descendants of two people - JAMES DAVIS and his wife ELIZABETH WORTHY.

Their fathers, Daniel Davis and John G. Worthy came to the Mississippi Territory at an early age and were friendly neighbors and land owners for many years. Two of the Worthy girls, Elizabeth and Nancy, married two of the Davis boys, James and William, beginning the Davis-Worthy connections. The old letters to Joe Worthy reproduced on the following pages, stimulated the author's interest in these families when he first read them in 1937. This interest accumulated over 18 years. We are limited to the history of only one of these families in this book, namely JAMES DAVIS and wife ELIZABETH WORTHY who had seven children and seventy-seven grandchildren and their many offsprings.

Joe and Ed Worthy

The reader will note that the families of James and Elizabeth alone make a sizeable book and it is hoped that someone may be inspired to get the histories of the many other John G. Worthy and Daniel Davis children. These two men were thrifty, intelligent traders, livestock growers and land owners. Their signatures on deeds would be creditable today. These fundamental characteristics will show plainly in many of their descendants.

We may be proud of our heritage and the evident progress of these family lines wherever traced to the development of homes, farms, business, education and religious life and activities. Meanwhile, embracing thousands of people, any weaker links will also be revealed and doubtless few of us would claim perfection even for ourselves.

Regretably many family records were not preserved and others were lost in fires, wars, migration and early deaths. Naturally, it was impossible to see hundreds of family heads personally and some kin simply did not respond. We had to rely upon the cooperative spirit of relatives throughout the country and you may be sure their aid made this book possible. Evidently the human element of error will show in a volume of thousands of names and dates and certainly this will be tolerated and understood.

We all may be grateful for our kin who aided the author in gathering this material without cost and those who helped finance this printed book without remuneration, - trusting that it would be acceptable.

Although all our people are very human, we can proudly say "These are my folks, my family, I belong."

We salute our kin - the Worthys and the Davises and the many fine names linked with them now, and those to come.

GRANDSONS, GREAT GRANDSONS, GREAT GRANDDAUGHTERS (Except Worthy) OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH WORTHY DAVIS

Left to right - top row: Lawrence D41, Forrest of D34, Oliver of D2; Middle row - left to right: William D. D75, Evander Worthy, Mizell D59; Bottom row - left to right: Eva Davis Whitfield of D20, Verna Cooper Boone of D46, Mrs. W. P. Spiers.

NOTE: This credit to others was written by T. D. just before his death October 28, 1955. We may be sure that he intended full appreciation to every person who has aided, before or since his death - as that spirit is so expressed below.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This is a family book, and it could not have been printed without at least one member of each family recorded within its pages cooperating.

It is a product of family pride, loyalty and love.

Anyone, therefore, who reported a name, date or any other important fact had a part in its production, and is due the thanks of all of us for the family spirit of team work that made it possible.

One who has not assumed the role of a compiler of a genealogy of the unusual scope and size of this one can imagine the time and work it represents. This point is made to emphasize my awareness and thanks for the excellent cooperation of the dear kinfolk who in the numerous branches of the over-all Davis-Worthy family assumed the major responsibility in getting and reporting the multiplied thousands of vital facts.

Among those whose vision, family spirit, capacity to love and awareness of their responsibility to our posterity motivated their help to the extent of deserving special acknowledgement are:

Of the WORTHY families - Joseph Nixon Worthy, deceased; Willard Livingston Dale, Prentiss, Miss.; Avis Welch Vignes, Biloxi, Miss.; Onolia Williamson McRaney, Collins, Miss.; and Marvin N. Worthy of Lithonia, Georgia.

Of the DAVIS families - Verna Cooper Boone and Zadie Spiers Lumpkin of Carriere, Miss.; Eva Davis Whitfield, Mildred Davis Dossett, Mattye Davis Carrier, Mizell and Corine Pigott Davis, Will and Etta Tate Davis, and Bertha Spiers Smith, Lois Landrum Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Smith, all of Picayune, Miss.; Elsie Broadus Moran, Gulfport, Miss. Ayesha Flowers Anderson, Sacramento, Cal.; Josephine Flowers Tay, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Grace Baxter Bertucci, Biloxi; Lydia Davis Loflin and Cornelius and Ida Ward Cooper of Baxterville, Miss.; Dr. C. Earl Cooper, Greenville, S. C.; Frances Ladner Wheat, Poplarville, Miss.; Edith Speirs Ladner, Nancy Smith and Emmaline Dedeaux Smith of Rt. B, Perkinston, Miss.; Alice Breland Davis, Rt. A. Perkinston; Nora Davis, Nellie Davis Manson, Harry Davis, Mary Davis Carlan and Frances Breland Byrd of Lumberton, Miss.; Forrest E. Davis, Beaumont, Miss.; L. Lawrence Davis and Vivian Davis Bornemann of New Orleans; Stella Batson Golden and Helen Hannah Peet, Auburn, Ala.; Myrtle Davis Miller, Amite, La.; Ellazean Chandler Hoover, Hammond, La.; Rev. James E. Chandler, Rayville, La. Lola Davis Redmond, Greensburg, La. and others of that family.

Those who did secondary, but important work, are too numerous to list here, but they enjoy the satisfaction of knowing their contribution was important, and they realize that death only will deprive them of the earthly spirit of pride and loyalty they share in the book, and in my gratitude for their services.

The State officials whose counsel and cooperation helped greatly are: Dr. William D. McCain, Miss Charlotte Capers and Madel Jacobs Morgan of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and Mrs. Mary Given Bryan, Director of the Georgia Department of Archives and History.

Many genealogists of several states were engaged in ferreting the many unknown ancestral facts.

This acknowledgement would be incomplete without your being made aware of the understanding, sympathy and encouragement, despite their days, weeks and months of anxiety because of the physical condition under which the work was done, by Lillian Matheson Davis, the wife, and Jessie Lola Davis, daughter of the author. Their moral support at all times, and their unfailing willingness to accept their share of the financial sacrifices involved not only made them real contributors to the book, but places them in the category of all whose participation in this genealogy assures greater family spirit, pride and loyalty and bespeaks an increased desire for us, and our descendants to live worthily of our heritage.

AIDS VISITING T. D's. HOME

Left to right: Avis Welch Vignes, Mrs. T. D. Davis, Mrs. Earl Cooper, Dr. Earl Cooper, T. D., Mrs. Willard Dale.
Mrs. T. D. Davis, address: 135 Rockwood Drive, Greenville, S. C.

AN EXPLANATION

In fairness to you as reader and T. D. as the author of this book, we tell you that it is not as elaborate as he intended. We feel you should know the reasons.

First, his greatest expense and possibly the most disappointing was attempting to trace our oldest known kin Daniel Davis connections clear through to our original English speaking ancestors to Wales. This was done both ways by T. D. and one professional genealogist, only to have another professional genealogist - considered authentic by the author - to find a lone missing gap in the middle. To avoid time, expense and delay, we did not feel justified in tracing this connection further after also considering the interest and financing - which we found to be largely his own.

Second, after weeks of study of the great volume of material he had accumulated we found that the cost of publishing the whole was greater than the funds in sight; also, that the cost per book would reach extremes. Thus we began eliminating and deleting to essentials. From this point we got printing estimates on the remaining material and learned that the cost per book would still be too much for average readers. Here we contacted many of our kin for advice on a proposal to publish only this history of our immediate ancestors, James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis. Nearly one half of the proposed book did include one of the many Worthy families. It was suggested that two separate books be published and this was agreed upon as we assumed responsibility for completing the James and Elizabeth Davis family history.

This effort alone required the time of two of us for four full months of long hours we did not anticipate or intend to give to this work at the expense of our family and regular duties. Being in it - interested and feeling a duty of kinship to you and T.D. - we labored faithfully for this end result. While this is not our line nor a hobby, we really hope it is acceptable to you and that your entire family will be pleased - making T. D.'s dream a reality.

NPD of 1900

OLD LETTERS, WILLS, OTHER DOCUMENTS FROM JOHN P. DAVIS TO JOSEPH NIXON WORTHY

Covington, Louisiana
June 14,1912

I

Dear Sir and Cousin:

I received your letter. Was glad to hear from you and will give you what little information I can. My mother was Elizabeth Worthy, my father was James Davis, my mother's youngest sister, Nancy, married my Uncle William Davis. As to the original old man John Worthy himself, and the old lady, my Grandfather and Grandmother, I can't tell you anything for they died when I was too young to remember them. You can write to my youngest brother at Caesar, Mississippi. If there is any pictures or old letters that you asked about he might have them as he was the last one that lived with the old folks.

My mother had seven children, all living but one. My youngest brother has several grandchildren. I am 77 years old been married five times and in pretty good health yet.

Richard Davis at Logtown, Miss., is a son of Aunt Nancy. He might have some papers or could give you some information or Emily Lee at Ceasar, Miss. is her daughter. Any questions or any other information I can give you I will gladly do it. Come see me if you can. I will be glad to hear from you at any time.

Your cousin,
J. P. Davis

II

From Richard Nixon Davis (born 1841) only son of William Davis and wife Nancy Worthy. Double first cousin of Daniel Peyton Davis who was the father of the late Rev. Richard Nixon Davis of Perkinston.

Gainesville, Miss.
May 28, 1914

To Mr. J. N. Worthy
Dear Cousin:

I will try to answer your most welcome letter. I was very much surprised to get a letter from you. This leaves me and family tolerbell well. My wife's health is not good. She has been in bad health for some time but hope you and family if you have any are enjoying good health. I have four children. All grown, two boys and two girls; a boy and girl married, 3 children apiece.

You wrote to know if I had any pictures of any of the Worthy family. I have not any - I have a piece of a document belonging to my mother concerning some land in Copiah County, Miss., signed by John G. Worthy and Nixon Worthy to Nancy Worthy. I have some old letters from Uncle Nixon Worthy from Jackson, La., but they have been badly eaten by moths. I was born Nov. 18, 1841, my father died in June 1844, my mother has been dead 28 years. I would be glad to see all the Worthys. I saw Alfred P. Worthy before the war and saw a man by the name of Miller that married one of Uncle William Worthy's daughters. What has become of A. P. Worthy? When you write tell me about the whole family. If you are acquainted with the Maye boys up there they can tell you all about me.

Well my postoffice is Gainseville, Miss. You mailed your letter to Logtown and it was some time before I received it. I have written all for this time so will close. I remain your cousin.

Richard Nixon Davis

Because the relations were the same as the other Worthy-Davis con-

nections it was the author's desire to have at least one complete chapter on this William Davis. He was a brother of our Great grandfather (B) James Davis. We tried repeatedly to get sufficient information on these families without success.

The two children by the marriage of William Davis and Nancy Worthy were Richard Nixon and Emily. Richard had a son Richard Jr. reportedly in the Pearlington area of Hancock County before living with a daughter in Gulfport.

William and Nancy's daughter Emily married Washington Lee. Some of these Lee descendants now live in Pearl River County near Picayune.

Richard was only 3 years old when his father died.

III. From Mrs. Richard Worthy Welch to Joseph Nixon Worthy

Hattiesburg, Mississippi
October 30, 1911

Dear Nephew:

It was a pleasant surprise to get a letter from you. I thought you had forgotten me. I am so glad to hear from all the connections. Yes, my Grandfather was named John and lived in Copiah County when I knew him. I think he married in Georgia. Married Nancy Spinks. I only saw them once. Grandmother died shortly after I saw her and was buried in Copiah County. I don't know anything about Grandfather being in the Revolutionary War but I know his sister Susan married a man named Crawford and he was killed in the Revolution. Then she married a man named Bell. All lived in Copiah County.

Grandfather raised eleven children, eight boys and three girls. The girls were Nancy, Rebecca and Elizabeth. Nancy married Bill Davis, he died and she married Depriest. Elizabeth married Jim Davis. They lived in Hancock County. Rebecca married Wm. Mallett, lived in Copiah. I visited Aunt Becky. They were wealthy and had no children. She was drowned. Had lots of slaves, it was supposed they did it. My father was the oldest child. Names, William, Thomas, Nixon, Sebron, Peyton, Jerry, John and Wesley.

Wesley died when only 19 years or near that. Jerry married and they accumulated a fortune, and they all died. Uncle Nixon wanted my father to get his share of the property but he would not go. I am getting old, will soon be 81 years old but I want to live to read the History you are getting up. Now I will give you the history of my family.

James William Welch was born October 26, 1850; Timothy Ransom, February 11, 1853; Martha L. Welch born August 9, 1855; Eliza Annie, April 21, 1858; Sarah E., November 7, 1861; John S. Welch, November 8, 1865; James William is dead. His children is Mrs. Hollie Davis, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Mrs. Masourie Davis, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Mrs. Emma Speed, Collins, Mississippi, Route 3. Mrs. Annie Patrick, Sanford, Mississippi, Route. Mrs. Hollie Davis, dead. T. M. Welch, Collins, Route 3. Martha is dead. Her husband is Mr. M. L. Gieger, Collins, Route 3. Mrs. Eliza Annie Hodd, Moselle, Mississippi. Mrs. Sarah E. Wedgworth, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Route 3.

Now Joel I live with Sarah 2½ miles from Hattiesburg. Sometime when you are in Hattiesburg come over to see us. I am sorry your mother's health is so bad. Tell your Pa I have Photo for him when he comes after it. I saw him last year at Conference. He looks young since he cut off his beard. It is getting late and I will stop for this time. When you have time

write me a long letter and tell me about the history. Love and kindest regards to you and family. Kiss the little girl for me.

Your loving aunt,
Mrs. Richard Welch

NOTE—The WORTHY-DAVIS descendants treated in this book link with JOHN SPINKS Sr. Through JOHN G. WORTHY'S wife NANCY SPINKS. Elizabeth Worthy married (B) James Davis. The popular names of Nancy and Elizabeth were much used by their descendants.

THE WILL OF JOHN SPINKS, SR., Dated 1799

I, John Spinks, of the State of Georgia and County of Lincoln, being of sound mind and perfect memory and knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death do constitute and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following in presence.

I gave and bequeath unto Sary Spinks my beloved wife during life or widowhood all the whole of my estate both real and personal by her to be truly to be enjoyed.

Then I give and bequeath unto my son Enoch Spinks one feather bed and one cow and one calf and the sum of forty dollars in cash to be delivered at her the said Sary Spinks decease.

Then I give unto my son John Spinks all my land it being valued and he paying one fifth of the value of said land unto my son Baker Spinks, one fifth to Wm. Spinks, one fifth to Isaac Spinks and one fifth to Zachariah Spinks to be delivered at the marriage or decease of his mother Sary Spinks.

Then I give unto my daughter Sally one feather bed and furniture and one cow and calf to be delivered as aforesaid also the sum of forty dollars cash.

Then I give unto my daughter Susanna Spinks one feather bed and furniture and one cow and calf also the sum of twenty dollars in cash to be paid unto her as above.

Then I give unto my daughter Rebeckah Graves the sum of thirty dollars in cash to be paid unto her as above.

Then I give unto Nancy Worthy one cow and calf and the sum of thirty dollars reducting out one rifle gun.

Then the rest of all my stock of horses and cows and hogs together With all my plantation utensils to be divided amongst my five youngest sons with all my household furniture that shall be remaining of my estate.

Then I constitute and ordain Sarah Spinks my wife and Moses Mathews Sen. and Micajah Henry Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-eighth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Nine.

Signed sealed and delivered — John Spinks
in the presence of us
Jesse Mathews
Lydia Henry (her mark X)

Personally appeared Jesse Mathews and Lydia Hendry before the Honorable the Court of Ordinary and being duly sworn saith that they saw John Spinks late of this county dec'd sign, seal, acknowledge and declare the will hereunto annexed to be his last will and testament and at the time of his signing the same the said John Spinks was of a sound disposing mind and memory to the best of their knowledge.

Jesse Mathews

Lydia Hendry (her mark X)

Sworn in open court this 18th January 1800
Test Wm. Harper C.C.O.

The within will recorded this 22nd day of January 1800. Test William Harper C.C.C.

JOHN G. WORTHY - PASSPORT Dated 1807
From Georgia to The Mississippi Territory

Georgia, Lincoln County
To His Excellency,
Jared Irwin, Gov. and Com. In Chief of the State.

May it please your Excellency that whereas John Worthy has lived about fifteen years among us and has always deported the character of a honest and industrious and good citizen, and we have good reasons to believe him as such, and he informs us that he has it in view to move with his family to the Mississippi Territory, perhaps near the Natchez Country, and as he cannot travel to that Country without manifest danger of himself and family and property without a passport from your Excellency—we do therefore recommend to your Excellency clemency to grant him such passport that your wisdom deem best.
January 10th — 1807.
Signed—Benjamin Samuel, T. Espey, James Corley, Wm. Quin, J.P., John Walker, John Crawford, John Hammack, James Tandey, Pascall Hammack, Booker Sutton, William Mathews.

130 YEARS LATER SOME OF JOHN G. WORTHY'S OFFSPRING HONOR HIS DAUGHTER ELIZABETH WORTHY DAVIS. FIRST DAVIS-WORTHY REUNION - 1937

Left to right - bottom row: D20 offspring, Eva Lois, Mendell, S. H. "Doc", Vivian, Tommie; Middle row: Lillian, Eva, Barney, Hazel, Ann, Merritt, D22 Missouri, D27 Alice, D20 cont. Walt, Hubert; Back row: Tom, Jim, Jean, Noll, (Joe Worthy), of D34, Forrest, of D20 Jack, T. D.

THIS MARRIAGE BOND REQUIRED AT THE TIME WAS HAND WRITTEN IN 1829

The State of Mississippi
Copiah County

Know all men by these presents that we James Davis and John G. Worthy are held and firmly bound unto Gerard C. Brandon of the State aforesaid for the time being and his successors in office in the penal sum of two hundrd dollars and lawful money of the United States, and for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 29th December 1829. The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound James Davis shall without defalcation marry wife Elizabeth Worthy then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

James Davis (SEAL)
John G. Worthy (SEAL)

The State of Mississippi
Copiah County

To any minister of the gospel, judge or justice, legally authorized. You are hereby licensed to join together in the holy state of Matrimony, Mr. James Davis and Miss Elizabeth Worthy and for so doing this shall be your warrant - given under my hand and seal this 29th December 1829.

Wm. Barnes Register

I certify the rites of matrimony, was celebrated, between the within named persons by me the 31st December 1829.

B. Grisham (J.P.)

Graveside scene of James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis. 1804-1892 and 1812-1894. Caesar, Miss., near Picayune - Mother's Day, 1937.

NOTE—All the Davis descendants in this book relate to John G. Worthy through his daughter Elizabeth Worthy who married (B) James Davis.

WILL OF JOHN G. WORTHY DATED 1840

This indenture made the Thirteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and forty, between JOHN G. WORTHY of the County of Copiah and State of Mississippi, of the first part and Nixon Worthy, William Worthy, Nancy Worthy, Jr., and Elizabeth Davis, wife of James Davis, of the second part, WITNESSETH: That the said JOHN G. WORTHY, the party of the first part for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he hath and bear unto the said parties of the second part and also for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar, in hand to him paid at and before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, given, aliened, assigned and confirmed, and by these presents do give, grant, alien, assign, and confirm unto the said Nixon Worthy, the east half of the southeast one fourth of Section No. (3) three, township No. (9) nine north of Range No. (10) ten, East containing seventy-eight acres and thirteen hundreths of an acre. The Southwest one fourth of the Southwest one fourth of Section No. (2) Two, Towwnship No. (9) Nine, North of Range No. (10) Ten East containing thirty-eight acres and seventy-nine one-hundreths of an acre and the South West one fourth of the Northeast one fourth of Section No. (3) Three, Township No. (9) Nine, North of Range No. (10) Ten East containing thirty-nine acres and six one-hundredths of Range No. (10) Ten East containing thirty-nine acres and six one-hundredths of an acre, all lying, and being in the County of Copiah and State aforesaid, the title of which tract or parcel of land I will by these presents forever warrant and defend unto the said Nixon Worthy from me, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, forever. Also, I give, grant, bargain and sell unto William Worthy all of my stock of cattle, hogs, sheep, and horses, (with the exception of two horses one that I commonly use as a saddle horse). Also I give, bargain and sell unto Nancy Worthy, Jr., a negro girl, for life, of dark complexion named Phillis, aged about sixteen years with the understanding that should said girl, Phillis, at any time have a child or children that the said increase shall be equally divided between Nancy Worthy and Elizabeth Davis, wife of James Davis, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, forever, together with all the household furniture to be equally divided between the above parties of the second part with a special and strict understanding that said property herein conveyed shall be and remain in the full possession and under the control to be used for the maintenance of said John G. Worthy and his aged companion and wife, Nancy Worthy, Sr., during their natural lives and then at their death the full and complete title to the above property is to be vested in the said Nixon Worthy, William Worthy, Nancy Worthy, Jr. and Elizabeth Davis, as is above stipulated and expressed.

In testimony whereof, I the said party of the first part above named hath hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day and year above written.

JOHN G. WORTHY (SEAL)

ATTEST: Wm. BARNEY

(A) DANIEL DAVIS 1772 - 1856-8

OUR FIRST KNOWN KIN TO SETTLE IN THE MISS. TERRITORY

His Life In The Pioneer Days

No person can read the early history of our Mississippi Territory without a genuine appreciation of all our forefathers. The records reveal such a great change from their times to ours.

Those of us who use the airways, public roads, highways, railroads and steamship lines in 1955 will have to stretch our imaginations to visualize this country as it was in the early 1800's.

In 1798 Congress created the Territory of Mississippi with bounds including the present State of Alabama. The U. S. Census of 1800 shows a population of 8850. The country our first known kin, Daniel Davis, came to about 1804-7 was without roads and had been under the rule of Indian Chieftains before the Choctaw Treaty of 1805. Treaties with the Cherokee, Creek and Choctaw Nations permitted road openings through their districts. Also "in the course of a few years the region had been claimed by England, Spain, Georgia and the United States," causing mixed feelings of allegiance among our earliest settlers. In 1785 Georgia - one of 13 original states - opposed this Territory falling into the hands of Spain, unsuccessfully. The first Mississippi Territory claimed by the United States in 1783 did not cover the north half of the State until 1804 nor the coast county section until 1812. This bit of history shows not only the unsettled country but the unsettled conditions our first settlers had to face in choosing locations.

New Orleans and the Territory of Louisiana west of the Mississippi River belonged to Spain since 1763. In 1800 Napoleon forced Spain to give this region to France; Then, in 1803 he surprised the world by selling this vast area to the United States for $15,000,000. This purchase relieved the Mississippi River trade and transportation of cotton, tobacco etc., and encouraged a greater movement of early settlers to the Louisiana and Mississippi Territories. In 1809 Congress extended the right of suffrage to this Mississippi Territory.

Indian trouble soon flared when in the war with England in 1812, the Indians were influenced to fight the settlers of the Mississippi Territory. Many small settlements in the eastern part were attacked by the Creek Indians. One hundred and five soldiers and several hundred people were gathered at Fort Mims for safety when the Creeks attacked and killed all men, women and children except 25 or 30. This massacre angered the people in the western part of the territory along the Pearl and Mississippi Rivers who quickly organized troops and with the aid of the Choctaws destroyed their chief town, Escanachaha, the Holy City of the Creeks which they believed could never be taken. The Mississippi troops were payless, ragged, shoeless and hungry but were soon aided by Tennesseans, organized and led by the great fighting General Andrew Jackson. The American troops defeated the Creeks and a treaty was made in 1814.

Our kin, Daniel Davis, born in North Carolina in 1772 came from Georgia to the Mississippi Territory when he was about 33 to 35 years old and first settled in the Pearl River Valley about 1804-7.

The importance of rivers and streams in those days to the lives of our forefathers should be realized, not only for transportation, mail and trade, but as a source of deer and turkey for food and fur bearing animals. It was good farm and livestock land. In the early days before fires were set by Indians and early settlers, to route bear and other game for the arrow or rifle bullet, old timers say even hillsides of this country abounded

with evergreen cane for year round fattening of cattle and sheep. This was attractive country to earlier livestock settlers who migrated to this southern region in great numbers in the early 1800's.

Spain still claimed the present coastal area until a revolt centering around Baton Rouge in 1810 added these areas to the United States. The Western part of Louisiana and the Eastern to Mississippi Territory, with Pearl River the dividing line. By this time U. S. Census shows a population of 40,352.

It is interesting to note that our foreparent, Daniel Davis, owned lands and lived on both sides of Pearl River: In Mississippi three times and Louisiana twice. He first settled in Mississippi from about 1805 to 1810. Then he moved to Feliciana Parish, La., in 1811 and purchased, by certificate, 441 acres of public land situated on "Little Pretty Creek" four miles South of the Miss. La. border. This was about six and one-half miles from John G. Worthy's home in Amite County, Mississippi.

In 1816 Pike County's Eastern border reached to Pearl River and Daniel Davis bought and moved on 160 acres in the extreme South East corner near the River and the Louisiana line. In that year only three counties, Wilkerson, Amite and Pike had been formed between the Mississippi and Pearl Rivers.

Records revealed that Daniel resided in a radius of 10 miles on either side of Pearl River. 1st. 1805-1810 Old Washington Territory (now Marion Co.) 2nd., 1811 to 1815 across Pearl River to Louisiana, 3rd., 1816 to Pike County (now Walthall) and after 1820 he returned to his Louisiana home. The 1820 population was 75,448. Daniel purchased 160 acres of land in Copiah County (formed in 1823) as early or earlier than 1825 and moved to Copiah in 1828 - again near Pearl River. The 1830 Census gives a population of 136,621.

John G. Worthy had previously moved from Southern Amite to Copiah County and he and Daniel were again neighbors and their daughters and sons were closely associated. John lived on Sec. 3 T 9 R 10 East and Daniel lived on Sec. 14 T 10 R 9 East.

It is worth noting here that the first counties were formed in the Southern part of the present State. Indians still possessed Central and North Mississippi lands until 1832 when the Choctaws ceded the balance of the Mississippi Territory to the United States and moved westward.

In 1817 there were only 17 or 18 counties even in this southern part of the territory. Eight counties ran from the West Louisiana border to the Alabama line as listed below with the date of formation, in 1817.

Wilkerson	Amite	Pike	Marion	Perry	Green
1802	1809	1815	1811	1820	1811
				1812 Hancock	1812 Jackson

Wilkerson	Amite	Pike	Walthall	Marion	Lamar	Forrest	Perry	Green
1802	1809	1815	1910	1811	1904	1906	1820	181
			1890 Pearl River		1916 Stone			1910 George
			1812 Hancock		1841 Harrison			1812 Jackson

Thus the earlier records of our forefathers land holdings, marriages etc. may show in the old extremely large counties and not be found in the present county where the land is located.

When Daniel Davis moved to Copiah County in 1828 his oldest son James was 24 years old. At 25 James married Elizabeth Worthy and bought land from Daniel and Esther in 1838. They settled on lands adjoining and near their Davis and Worthy parents.

The Daniel Davis family owned an entire section and were a closely knit family unit there for over 20 years. A son, William Davis, married Nancy Worthy and in 1840 moved to Hancock County. By 1840 the population of Mississippi had grown to 375,651.

Before moving to Hancock County James Davis sold his homestead in 1844 to his father Daniel. Another son, Israel, moved on the place and resided there with his wife, Mary C. Hamilton, until January 1851. About this time Daniel's wife Esther died at the age of 68 and he sold his homestead to their son Israel. Daniel was near 78 years old and soon moved to Old Harrison County. From there he made a deed in 1854 disposing of his last real estate in Copiah County of 161 acres to Samuel Nickols for $600.00. Yellow fever epidemics swept the country in 1853, 1878 and 1879. In 1878 Biloxi's 2000 people had 600 cases and 45 deaths. By 1902, it was brought under control.

Daniel reached the age of about 85 and spent his last years before his death, 1856-8 at his Home near Red Creek in Old Harrison - now Stone County. The population of Mississippi by 1860 was 781,305. The State seceeded in 1861.

There were still no public or railroads and the people from as far north as the Black and and Red Creek area followed the Old Red Creek road into Pass Christian's Menge Avenue to their trading center and post office at the time. With 6 and 8 yoke ox teams carrying wool, cotton, venison, turkey, hides, furs, corn and honey. They returned with barrels of flour, salt, kerosene, dry goods, wicks, tools and whiskey. The L. & N. Railroad was not completed until 1869 and Gulfport started when the G & S I Railroad was begun in 1877 and reached Saucier, 20 miles away in 1881.

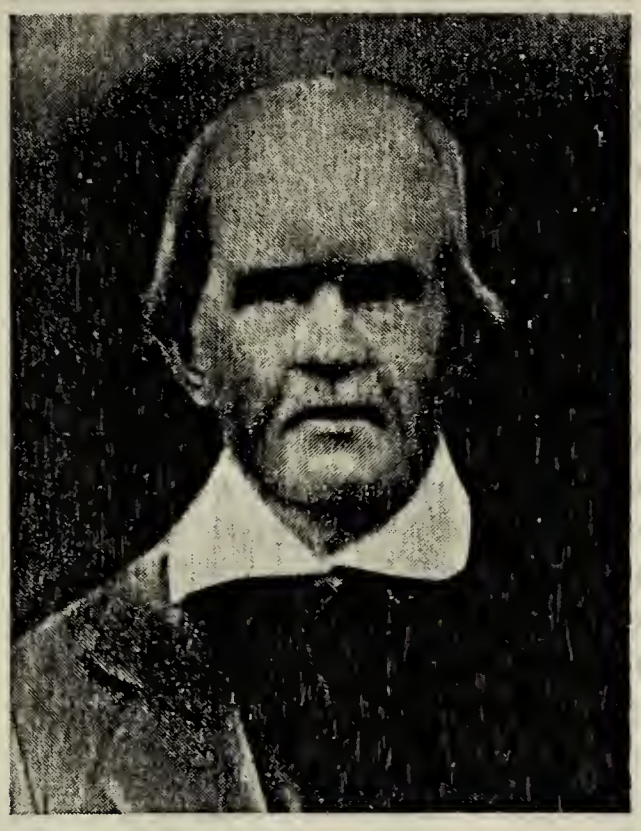
The last known residence of Daniel Davis was south of Red Creek near the mouth of Rester Creek on the east side where he was buried.

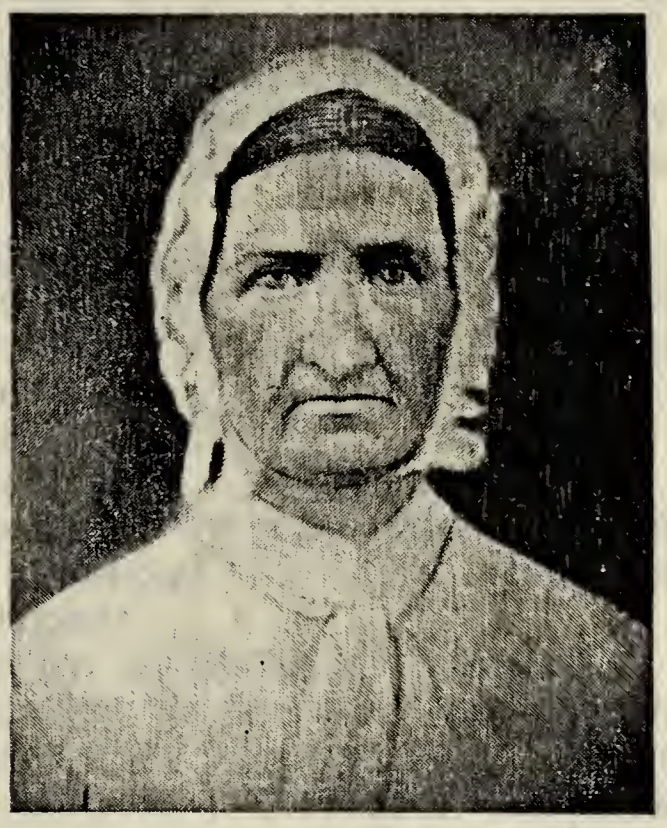
The 8 children of Daniel and Esther Davis were:

Name	Born-Died	Place born
Nancy	1802	Georgia
James	1804-1892	Georgia
Diana	1806	Ga. or Miss.
Israel	1811	Louisiana
Stephen	1815-1834	Louisiana
William	1820 1844	Pike County
George	1823	Pike County
Elsa	1827	Louisiana

Daniel was born in North Carolina and Esther in Maine. The Louisiana home was four miles from the State of Mississippi.

OUR DAVIS-WORTHY BEGINNING





THEIR SEVEN CHILDREN

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	No. Ch.
B	JAMES DAVIS	7-19-1804	8-21-1892	7
	m 12-31-1829	h Copiah to Hancock	(Pearl River)	
	ELIZABETH WORTHY	6- 9-1812	5-25-1894	7
C1	William	12-10-1830	7- 7-1922	18
C2	Daniel Peyton	9-14-1832	7-13-1914	9
C3	John P.	4-19-1835	9- 6-1922	15
C4	Nancy Elizabeth	11- 9-1839	6- 5-1919	9
C5	Henry Frank	4-24-1842	8-15-1922	10
C6	Rebecca	9-12-1849	1- 6-1877	5
C7	James Madison	8-22-1854	12-31-1930	11

The marriage of James Davis and Elizabeth Worthy, at the ages of 25 and 17 respectively, joined the families of two outstanding pioneer men who had been neighbors in various counties in the pioneer days. Their parents were John G. Worthy and (A) Daniel Davis.

Their relations as neighbor land owners and the history of their day is given on previous pages to acquaint the reader with the lives and times of these first known ancestors of ours. They were men of clear minds and level heads who had the foresight to choose good river-side locations and provide well for their families. They helped form the first counties. In this period there was not a road in the state - few, if any, four wheel wagons and certainly not a buggy.

There was a trail from the Georgia Colony through this area known as the "Three Chopped Way" which led on up to the largest community in the Territory, Natchez. Here the first printing press and weekly newspaper was established when James was four years old. He was 34 years old and he and Elizabeth had been married nine years with 4 children when the first Standard Gauge Railroad was built in the United States, from Woodville, Miss. to St. Martinsville, La. in 1838. That year, James bought some adjoining land from his father, Daniel, in Copiah County where the Davis and Worthy families lived as neighbors for some twenty years.

James was 35 when the first Capitol was built in Jackson.

The thought of having a similar history to this on the families of

Daniel's other 7 children and John's other 15 children is fascinating and the writer hopes it will be done.

The first five children of James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis were born in Copiah County. In 1844 he sold his land holdings to his father and moved to Hancock (now Pearl River) County near Caesar where their 7 children were reared.

Our earliest settlers had to be courageous, very strong and even brave men and women to actually survive. Their source of food was the wild turkey, deer, and other wild life of the forests and fish from the streams. Their first effort to clear lands with axes and cultivate with wooden tools required stamina. Planting of rice, tobacco, indigo and corn was followed by the introduction of cotton in a small way.

The raising of cattle, sheep and hogs on the vast, wide, open ranges finally became their main source of livelihood. The first trade centers were established at Mobile and New Orleans.

Later, other market settlements were developed at Mississippi City, Shieldsboro, Pass Christian and Woolmarket on the coast and Gainesville on Pearl River. At these trading posts they secured such luxuries as brown sugar, coffee, oils, candles, salt, quinine, calico, gingham and jeans. These were the early markets for venison, turkey and furs and later beef cattle and wool. Some of us living today recall our parents telling of their early life on these winding trails through virgin pine timbers and swampy bays.

With four wheel ox teams and a driver with buck skin whip they trod slowly by day with loads of wool; they camped at night and grazed their teams - the trusted rifle always at hand for protection and to supply fresh meats.

Grandmother Elizabeth Worthy Davis was past middle age when the L. & N. Railroad was built along the coast from New Orleans. Later, when the New Orleans and North Eastern was built, she was thrilled by train whistles that passed Richardson just a short while before her death, at the age of 82. Many of her days were spent with her girls, making cloth by using a pair of hand cards, readying wool for the spinning wheel and the hand loom.

In this area there was little manufacturing - a tannery, the making of shoes with simple hand instruments - then the cabinet maker and the valued blacksmith. Some of Grandmother Elizabeth's modern home supplies were the sulphur match, iron kettle and pots, hand made pot hooks, a straw broom, and a washing block at the creek side with battling paddle.

Cooking and eating were done in the large log kitchens built separately from and back of the house. A big open fire place served as a stove and home made iron stands were used to set pots of food on when cooking over the hot coals. Each kitchen had modern venting through the wire grass and clay chimney. Cleanliness and the wholesomeness of the food is pronounced in the pictures of the healthy children they grew.

James and Elizabeth Davis made their greatest contribution to life and Country when they produced 7 well trained, healthy children. They were remarkable people but without a flair. While a great percentage of their offspring are successful citizens, home and farm builders and good livestockmen who are rearing and educating their children - there are hundreds of them in business and other professions.

Within these pages are men and women listed by name and birth date only who are highly rated financially, socially and professionally in their respective fields. It would not be correct nor fair to say that all of some 3000 offsprings measured up to the recognized social standards - or

that any of us measure up to all standards. However, we can find some of the good of these strong foreparents in all their descendants. Often from the meek and lowly we may see the spark of these noble ancestors light the way for a child or group of children in a delightful way to successful careers. In this, we can all have hope and still greater pride.

These pages are given chiefly to pictures and family records of our foreparents from a period in our history that will soon be lost otherwise.

Those of us living in a day and period when much of our lives are recorded, may do well to insert into these pages such pictures and information of personal value for the children of the future.

SUGGESTIONS

The following two pages give the marriages of JAMES and ELIZABETH'S 7 children beginning with (C1) and listing his 18 children (D1 to D18). The rest follow the same pattern.

May we suggest that you read and become familiar with this KEY INDEX and the INDEX under each D as soon as you can. Otherwise we feel that you will miss much of real interest and value..

If you will follow "INFORMATION FOR YOUR GUIDANCE" on page 8 you will soon be tracing the C's - 1 to 7 - and the D's from 1 to 77 - with ease and interest. Should you "get lost" in some places, start again with the instructions. You may be sure that we got lost many times before this index system and form was worked out.

For a challenging game - for young or old - try copying one family's full record without an error. You may find a genius - we didn't!

KEY INDEX OF (B) JAMES DAVIS FAMILIES
C1 to C7 - CHILDREN AND MARRIAGES
D1 to D77 - GRANDCHILDREN

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	No. Ch.
CI	WILLIAM DAVIS	12-10-1830	7- 7-1922	18
	m about 1850-51 h Amite Parish, La.		Pages 29-53	
	JULIA LEE			7
D1	James Ruben	2-25-1853	9-21-1914	14
D2	Jesse M.	4-29-1854	10-18-1937	12
D3	Nancy Elizabeth	5- 2-1856	11-25-1935	9
D4	Mary Josephine	4-28-1858	1-19-1952	3
D5	Caroline	7- 5-1859	3-23-1923	9
D6	Seaborn Henry	1-26-1861		4
D7	William Jefferson	6-18-1862		10
	2nd m. 4-5-1865			
MARY ELIZA. STANFORD		4-24-1838	7- 6-1899	11
D8	Sarah Jane	1-27-1866	5- 9-1932	6
D9	John Franklin	7-27-1867	2- 7-1941	10
D10	Isaac Newton	8-24-1868	1-13-1936	14
D11	Thomas Fletcher	4-6-1870	3- 3-1952	6
D12	Harriett Ann	9-18-1871	5- 8-1919	7
D13	Martha Louise	1-13-1872	10-28-1927	3
D14	Virginia	1875	1-16-1943	1
D15	Alzedia	10-14-1875	12-10-1903	
D16	Theodotia	2-24-1877		5
D17	Florence Victoria	4-26-1879	12-11-1953	4
D18	Samuel Peyton	2-10-1881	6-10-1945	
C2	DANIEL PEYTON DAVIS	9-14-1832	7-13-1914	9
	m 7-24-1851 h Pearl River County		Pages 54-79	
	EMMALINE LEE	8- 9-1833	1- 5-1907	9
D19	Eli Peyton	7-29-1852	1- 5-1923	11
D20	Richard Nixon	1-31-1856	11- 2-1927	13
D21	Sarah Jane	12- 5-1857	11- 5-1910	3
D22	Nancy Missouri	12- 7-1858	11-15-1939	8
D23	Louis Porter	3-31-1860	3-30-1908	8
D24	Daniel Bingley	4-13-1862	12-14-1912	11
D25	Frances	2-12-1864	7-11-1929	7
D26	Emmaline Janet	3-30-1867	1-25-1902	
D27	Mary Alice	12-10-1875	7-29-1950	8
C3	JOHN P. DAVIS	4-19-1835	9- 6-1922	15
	m 4-14-1858 h Slidell, La.		Pages 80-82	
MARY S. McALLISTER		9-12-1844	4-13-1891	15
D28	Mary Elizabeth	3- 9-1860	9-19-1864	
D29	Mahala Issabella	1-12-1862	9- 9-1864	
D30	Martha V.	8-14-1863	9- 8-1864	
D31	William T.	7- 2-1865	10- 6-1865	
D32	Virginia C.	9-21-1866	12-14-1867	
D33	Addeline	12-15-1867	6- -1898	
D34	John Parker	4- 6-1870	-1898	2
D35	Thomas J.	7-20-1872	5- 7-1875	
D36	Joseph J.	9- 9-1873	10-31-1899	1
D37	James D.	12-19-1875	12-19-1877	
D38	Luther M.	11-25-1877		

D39	R. Lussetta	6-20-1879	2-23-1902	3
D40	Albert Alexander	9-13-1881		3
D41	L. Lawrence	12- 5-1884		1
D42	Ida Mae	9- 3-1885	9-30-1885	
C4	**NANCY E. DAVIS**	11- 9-1839	6- 5-1919	9
	m 10-20-1859 h Pearl River County		**Pages 83-96**	
	CORNELIUS COOPER	6- 4-1834	12-11-1907	9
D43	James Ira	8-10-1860	4-22-1938	13
D44	William Shelton	12-13-1862	11- -1930	6
D45	Rebecca Ann	2-18-1865	12-20-1903	6
D46	Daniel Claiborne	10- 7-1867	8-14-1938	9
D47	Thomas Rayborne	9- 2-1869		
D48	Josephine	4- 1-1873	5- 6-1935	7
D49	Henry Ambrose	3- 1-1877		5
D50	Elizabeth Addeline	2-16-1880	11-21-1951	6
D51	Mary Isabelle	1884	12-12-1906	
C5	**HENRY FRANK DAVIS**	4-24-1842	8-15-1922	10
	m h Picayune		**Pages 97-108**	
	ANNA COOPER	1841	3-28-1917	10
D52	Sarah Elizabeth	12- 3-1860	4- 5-1952	11
D53	Mary Caroline	11-15-1863	3-26-1942	9
D54	James Henry Frank	11-20-1865	7-21-1939	14
D55	Emmaline	3-14-1868	4-26-1939	9
D56	Nancy Frances	3-20-1870	8- 7-1953	7
D57	Josephine	2-27-1874	2-22-1953	10
D58	George W.	1876	12-12-1953	4
D59	John Mizell	7- 3-1880		3
D60	Eliza Jane	4- 5-1883	2-23-1945	6
D61	One infant died			
C6	**REBECCA DAVIS**	9-12-1849	1- 6-1877	5
	m h Pearl River County		**Page 109**	
	ZAACARIAH JONES			5
D62	Freemon Jones			
D63	Madison Randolph	9- 9-1871		13
D64	"Nick" Jones			
D65	Elizabeth			
D66	Etta			
C7	**JAMES MADISON DAVIS**	8-22-1854	12-31-1930	11
	m 2-1-1872 h Pearl River County		**Pages 110-115**	
	MARY JANE SMITH	8- 6-1855	2-27-1934	11
D67	Leonard Wilson	12- 1-1872		3
D68	Eliza Jane	9-27-1876	11-20-1945	9
D69	Jesse Andrew	5- 3-1878		4
D70	Elijah T.	12-13-1882		9
D71	Martha Mathena	6-12-1884		6
D72	Mary Magdeline	6- 1-1886	11-11-1908	
D73	Henry Madison	3- 7-1888		2
D74	Daniel Tilley	6-30-1889		2
D75	William Derrison	8-29-1892		1
D76	Robert Rufus	2-14-1896		2
D77	Iduma	6- 8-1898		3

GRANDCHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH WORTHY DAVIS MOTHER'S DAY 1954

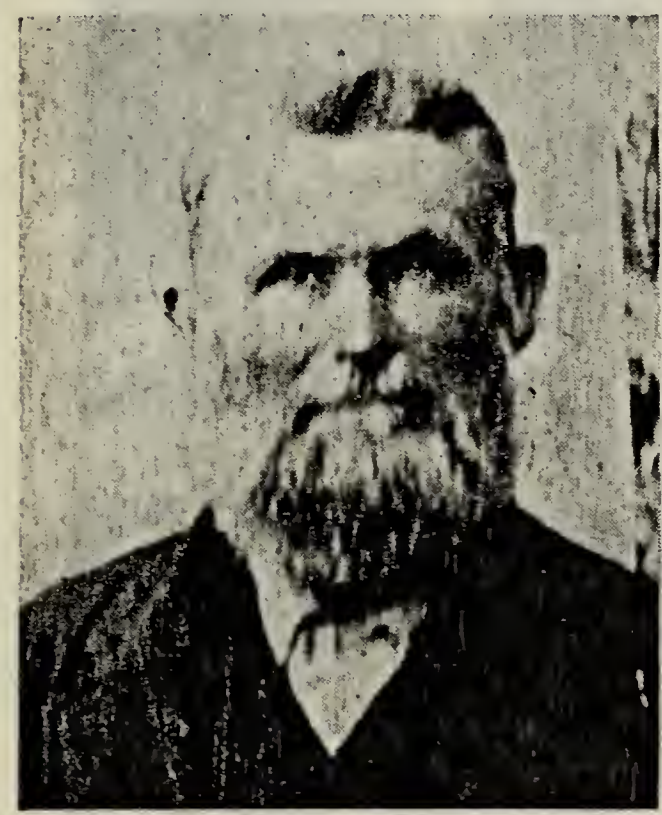
15 - 1st cousins - All D's and Cousin Ben F. Miller at extreme left. 14 Davises, 1 Cooper. Ages 93 to 57. They are left to right with D number, Front row: D7 William Jefferson, D16 Theodotia, D77 Iduma, D6 Seaborn; Middle row: (Miller), D74 Daniel Tilley, D76 Rufus, D73 Henry Madison, D69 Jess, D75 Will D.; Top row: D49 Ambrose Cooper, D70 Elijah T., D67 Leonard, D59 Mizell, D41 Lawrence, D40 Albert.

C1 WILLIAM DAVIS (P.26)
A MOST INTERESTING RECORD

18 children - 103 grandchildren, 423 great grandchildren, 164 great, great grandchildren, 16 great, great, great grandchildren, over 700 offspring recorded in these pages.

William, the oldest child of James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis, was 14 years of age when his parents moved, probably by steam boat, down Pearl River from Copiah to Hancock County near Caesar in 1844.

The record of this family literally speaks for itself. William lived to be 92 and his 18 children not only outnumbered all his brothers' and sisters' children - but 3 living in 1955 averaged 88 years and the other 15 averaged 70 years. That is a testimony in eloquent language relative to diet, health and longevity that would marvel a modern day scientist. Being a day when doctors were so few, it is reasonable to assume that all 18 children were born with the aid of only kin or neighbors acting as "Grannies". It also fitted the times if all were breast fed. The oldest child was born about 1852 and the youngest in 1881, a difference of 29 years. His brothers had children from 23 to 26 years apart. These inherent qualities may be found in these pages to recent date.



William Davis

We can visualize a family of 20 sitting at a long table with benches used in that day on either side—and food prepared on coals in the open fire place—the chimney serving as a kitchen vent.

There is a contrast in Wlliam's family to that of one of his brothers, whose business interests took him from place to place in this era of diphtheria, cholera, yellow fever, measles and smallpox epidemics, and few of his children matured.

These figures and the records of William's descendants give testimony to his success, and his children's heritage. The credit due him does not detract from the skill, love and devotion to duty and responsibility of Julia Lee Davis and Mary Stanford Davis who played well their sacred roles as wife and mother.

In 1877, when his 16th child was born, William and Mary Elizabeth moved their family in an ox wagon from their home in Hancock County to Amite Parish, Louisiana. The Amite, Hammond, Baton Rouge and Ponchatoula areas of Louisiana are the theme places of multiplied hundreds of descendants of William Davis. He lived near the old Louisiana home of his grandfather Daniel Davis, who resided in Louisiana until 1823, when he moved to Copiah County, Mississippi where his father James lived when William was born.

Like his father and grandfather, William was a successful farmer and livestock grower whose 92 years of life has set a worthy example for more than 700 of his direct descendants. He was born near Rockport in Copiah County and was buried in the Gibson Cemetery in Hancock County.

His children (D's) and grandchildren (E's) are listed on the following pages.

THREE OF WILLIAM'S CHILDREN AGES 92, 78, 93

Left to right: W. J. (D7), Theodotia (D16), Seaborn (D6) and a cousin, Ben F. Miller. Mothers Day 1954.

Names, marriages and relationships of (C1) William's grandchildren pictured at the top of the next page.

Left to right - Claude Davis (John's D9), Elbert Davis (Issac's D10), Minnie Davis Fredrick (Fletcher's D11), Myrtle Davis Miller (William's D7), Daisy Chandler Hoover (Theodotia's D16), Lola Davis Redmond (John's D9), George Davis (William's D7), Winnie Davis Miller (Isaac's D10), 2nd row Elsie Pevey Edwards (Harriet's D12), Maybelle Davis Henry (Isaac's D10), Ellis Davis (Isaac's D10), Mildred Goynes Varnado (Martha's D13), Ellazean Chandler Hoover (Theodotia's D16), Bertha Davis Carr (Fletcher's D11), Tom Chandler (Theodotia's D16), 3rd row Morgan Davis (Isaac's D10), Eva Davis Angele (Isaac's D10), Ottis Davis (Fletcher's D11), Alton Chandler (Theodotia's D16), Wilmer Davis (John's D9), John Davis (Isaac's D10), Wilton Pevey (Harriet's D12), 4th row I. D. Pevey Green (Harriet's D12), Charley Davis (John's D9), Rev. James Ernest Chandler (Theodotia's D16).

Lola's brother Percy gave greater financial aid to this book individually, than any entire family - excepting the T. D. Davis family and his brother Noll and family. On April 29, 1956, Percy wrote in part — "I would never be satisfied in mind and conscience unless I did this much more to help reduce the shortage"—publication of the book means enough that I am not particularly concerned if it does mean holding books in trust for a considerable length of time. Sometime, whether in my lifetime or not, there will be persons who will want them if they are safely preserved." —Such Spirit!—and it is printed.

GRANDCHILDREN OF C1 WILLIAM DAVIS

Left to right: Claude, Elbert, Minnie, Myrtle, Daisy, Lola, George, Winnie, 2nd Row: Elsie, Maybelle, Ellis, Mildred, Ellazean, Bertha, Tom. 3rd Row: Morgan, Eva, Ottis, Alton, Wilmer, John, Wilton. 4th Row: I. D., Charley and Rev. Chandler.

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF C1 WILLIAM DAVIS

C1 WILLIAM DAVIS (p26) M. Ch. G. Ch.

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	No. Ch.
D1	JAMES RUBEN DAVIS	2-25-1853	9-21-1914	14
	m h Hancock Co.	Pages 35-36		
	ELIZABETH SPIERS	8- 6-1858	12- 5-1937	14
E	Missouri Julianne	12- 9-1874	11-13-1936	9
E	William Arvil	12- 8-1878		11
E	Henry Thomas	10-25-1881		9
E	Nancy	9-18-1883		7
E	Caroline	12-16-1885	8-11-1942	6
E	Loley L.	10-21-1887		8
E	Samuel	8-23-1889		2
E	Jesse R.	5-16-1891	2- 2-1933	4
E	Mary	3-12-1893	3- 1-1936	9
E	Joseph F	6-10-1896	5-22-1940	8
E	Ruby M.	2-15-1898	10-15-1951	2
E	Nathaniel	10- 8-1901		6
E	Louranie	9- 4-1902		9
E	Randolph	12-25-1905	6-30-1939	4
D2	JESSE M. DAVIS	4-29-1854	10-18-1937	12
	m 12-1877 h Hancock Co.	Pages 37-40		
	HARRIET A. MITCHELL	3-24-1864	10-20-1948	12
E	Sara Savilla	11-14-1878	2-14-1938	8
E	Thalus Monroe	10-16-18		3
E	William Luther	10-12-1883		5
E	Martha Josephine	7-11-1886		
E	James Oliver	1- 4-1889		4
E	Thomas Fletcher	4-22-1891		5
E	Priscilla Melvina	8-25-1893		2
E	Archie	9-10-1895		4
E	Ralph	10- 6-1897		2
E	Della	3-14-1900		3
E	Zella	2-22-1903		4
E	Stella	2-27-1905		6
D3	NANCY ELIZ. DAVIS	5- 2-1856	11-25-1935	9
	m 1876 h Hancock Co.	Pages 41-42		
	THOMAS J. SPIERS	10-13-1849		9
E	Sarah Elizabeth		12-19-1924	6
E	Selma Josephine	9-11-1877	9- 3-1899	1
E	Franka	7-26-1879	7- 7-1903	
E	Leon	6-19-1881		6
E	William	3-26-1885		8
E	Louella	11-11-1887		8
E	Jacob R.	6-19-1890		6
E	Charlie Rufus	7-31-1894		
E	Zadie	7-10-1897		
D4	MARY JOSEPH. DAVIS	4-28-1858	1-19-1952	3
	m 12-14-1876 h Hancock Co.	Page 43		
	JAMES SPIERS		11- 8-1930	3
E	Mariah Angeline	5- 7-1877	- -1882	

C1 WILLIAM DAVIS (p. 26) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E	William B.	5- 7 -1883	1-20-1945	4
E	Jepthia	2-27-1885		8
D5	**CAROLINE DAVIS**	7- 5-1859	3-23-1923	9
	m 9-27-1877 h Hancock Co.	Pages 43-44		
	JOHN J. SPIERS	9-22-1858	5-31-1902	9
E	Nancy Josephine	3-20-1879		8
E	Louise	1- 4-1881		
E	Lola Emaline	9- 6-1883		
E	Louisa A.	6- 4-1886		
E	Mack	9-22-1891		
E	John William	5- 7-1894	6-16-1949	
E	Fanny	8- 5-1897		
E	Elijah	7-11-1900	3-26-1918	
E	J. Jackson	10-13-1903		
D6	**SEABORN H. DAVIS**	1-26-1861		4
	1st m 1-20-1893 h Ponchatoula. La.	Pages 44-45		
	MARY MARTHA ROGERS			1
E	Clyde	3-17-1895		4
	2nd m MARY SHAFFER			3
E	Lawrence	1- 6-1898		8
E	Florence	1- 6-1898		5
E	Seaborn H., Jr.	7-22-1902		8
D7	**WILLIAM JEFF. DAVIS**	6-18-1862		10
	m 2-11-1884 h Amite L.a.	Pages 45-56		
	CORNELIA ELIZA. YOUNG		2- 4-1933	10
E	Margie Estelle	5-20-1895		3
E	George Washington	3-30-1897		4
E	Ernest Nelson	8-24-1898		6
E	Hezekiah Henry	10- 8-1899	11-28-1919	
E	Willie Nixon	9- 8-1901	9- 7-1908	
E	Myrtle Clara	9- 6-1904		2
E	Elves Jacob	5- 6-1908		8
E	Robert Louis	2-18-1911		1
E	Eula Mae	11-11-1913		
E	Nellie Elaine	6- 1-1917		
D8	**SARAH JANE DAVIS**	1-27-1866	5- 9-1932	6
	m 12-4-1889 h	Pages 46-47		
	EMERY BRELAND			6
E	William Elisha	10-28-1890	8-16-1949	2
E	Clema Eudora	10- 9-1892	6-28-1929	4
E	Otis Summers	4- 9-1896		
E	Josephine	2- 7-1898		
E	Henry Jackson	8-25-1900		
E	Rodney Davis	12-16-1904		
D9	**JOHN FRANK DAVIS**	7-26-1867	2- 7-1941	10
	m 12-21-1892 h Amite, La.	Page 47		
	FLORENCE BRELAND	4-26-1873	10- 2-1940	10
E	Charles Wilton	9-23-1893		
E	Freddie	1-12-1895	11- 6-1900	

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E	Claude Daniel	2-15-1897		
E	Eula Corinne	3- 3-1899	5-28-1904	
E	Percy Linwood	3- 9-1901		1
E	Infant Daughter	8- 2-1903	8-15-1903	
E	Lola Eliza	9-14-1904		3
E	John Albert	2-12-1907	6-30-1947	4
E	Jesse Wilmer	10-28-1909		
E	William Alton	12-26-1911		2
D10	**ISAAC NEWTON DAVIS**	8-24-1868	1-13-1936	14
	m 11-9-1892 h Amite, La.	**Pages 48-49**		
	LETHA GIBSON	4-11-1876		14
E	Eva	9-22-1893		2
E	John Emery	3-22-1895		1
E	Ellis	5-23-1896		2
E	Cassie	9-23-1897		
E	Cora	12-31-1898		
E	Winnie	1- 1-1901		2
E	Minnie	1- 1-1901		1
E	Lula	3-12-1903		2
E	Ernest Walton	12-28-1904		
E	Arlie	7-17-1906		2
E	Murdock	5- -5-1908		1
E	Elbert	11- 3-1911		2
E	Morgan Lee	4- 5-1913		2
E	Maebelle	5-17-1914		5
D11	**THOMAS FLET. DAVIS**	4- 6-1870	3- 3-1952	6
	m 1894 h Hammond, La.	**Page 49**		
	EDITH PETLITTE			6
E	Bertha			
E	Ethel			
E	Minnie			
E	Louis			
E	Roy			
E	Otis			
D12	**HARRIET ANN DAVIS**	9-18-1871	5- 8-1919	7
	m 10-5-1900 h Pine Grove, La.	**Pages 49-50**		
	JESSE PEVEY			7
E	Ivy	2-19-1903		
E	Wilton	10-31-1904		
E	Irma	8- 9-1906		1
E	I. D.	6-10-1908		1
E	Elsie	6-20-1910		1
E	Hulon	3- 9-1913		2
E	Wilson	11-20-1916		2
D13	**MARTHA LOUISE DAVIS**	1-13-1872	10-28-1927	3
	m 1-13-1897 h St. Helena Parish	**Page 50**		
	MARTIN R. GOYNES			3
E	Minnie M.	11-27-1903		
E	James Gaston	9-11-1905		1
E	Mildred Eliza	8-10-1913		3

C1 WILLIAM DAVIS (p. 26) M. Ch. G. Ch.

D14 VIRGINIA DAVIS 1875 1-16-1943 1
m 9-1901 h Page 50
EDDIE DURBIN He had 3 ch. by prev. m. 4
E Vermon 1-17-1903 3

D15 ALZEDIA DAVIS 10-14-1875 12-10-1903
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WILLIAM S. CHANDLER

D16 THEODOTIA DAVIS 2-24-1877 5
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E James Ernest 7-10-1903 1
E Charles Alton 8- 5-1905 3
E Thomas William 3-10-1908 4
E Ellazean 3-24-1916 1
E Daisy Mae 8-31-1917 2

D17 FLORENCE V. DAVIS 4-26-1879 12-11-1953 4
m 6-22-1902 h Page 53
WILLIAM J. EISWORTH 4
E Jesse Milton 10-27-1904 3
E Margie Melvina 10-25-1906 3
E Ramie Walter 4-30-1908 3
E George Washington 2-22-1911 4

D18 SAM. PEYTON DAVIS 2-10-1881
m 7-28-1905 h Page 53
AMANDA CHANDLER

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D1 JAMES RUBEN DAVIS

James Ruben Davis married Elizabeth Spiers and they had 14 children.

It is interesting to note that the oldest sons in this lineage have alternate names of their grandparents beginning in 1804. (B) James, (C1) William, (D1) James Ruben, (E) William Arvil, and his oldest son (F) Jimmie.

James Ruben was born in what was then Hancock County in 1853 and only nine years old when the Civil War began. In that period of strife during and after the war the great problem was to have food, some clothing and preserve livestock if possible, to live. No doubt James Ruben and Elizabeth Spiers had to literally dig for food when they were children. Salt, during the war, was not available and families soon learned to boil the soil from their smokehouses to get this seasoning.

The seven children of James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis and their grandchildren like James Ruben were well tested in their day. That most of them survived the struggles and maintained their courage and strength to move forward to better days is an inspiration to thousands of their descendants who follow their patterns.

The information on this family was obtained hurriedly at the last moment by James Ruben's son, William, at the age of 78 and it is regretted that a more complete record was not available at the time.

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D1 JAMES RUBEN DAVIS (p32) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **MISSOURI J. DAVIS** b 12-9-1874 d 11-13-1936 m 12-12-1895 W. F. CHADWICK

F's Warren b 10-22-1896 d 7-17-1910, Fannie b 3-22-1899, Edgar b 11-4-1901, Myrtle b 1-23-1904, Ada Marie b 8-3-1907, Clarence b 1-1-1909, Mary Lou b 8-7-1911, Arnol Lucile b 8-29-1914 d 1-26-1919, Ollie Marie b 3-11-1917.

E **WILLIAM ARVIL DAVIS** b 12-8-1878 m 5-10-1882 LILLIE VARNADO d 1-22-1949. h Poplarville.

F's Bertha b 6-18-1902 d 2-2-1936, Marganie b 9-29-1904, Cavie b 2-23-1906, Jimmie b 3-12-1908, Odell b 4-22-1910, Benton b 7-23-1912, Theodore b 10-16-1915, R. V. b 12-12-1918, O. V. b 2-18-1920, Ameil b 6-23-1923, Edward b 12-29-1927, d 6-19-1929.

E **HENRY THOMAS DAVIS** b 10-25-1881 m MAGGIE GLOVER.

F's Pascal d, Winnie, Saul, Grace, O. D., Robert L., J. Russell, Joseph B., Hames H., Lizzie Marie.

E **NANCY DAVIS** b 9-18-1883 m 1-15-1903 DAN OLIVER MORRISON.

F's Dealous b 1-23-1904, Leila b 4-30-1906, Lemuel b 6-24-1909, Lillian M. b 3-29-1911, Arlie b 6-24-1914, Nora b 10-2-1917, Vaudie Marie b 10-14-1920.

E **CAROLINE DAVIS** b 12-16-1885 d 8-11-1942 m SIB CRUTHIRDS.

F's Jimmie, Geneiva, Ruby, Hattie, Johnie, Delma.

E **LOLEY L. DAVIS** b 10-21-1887 m 2-4-1909 MONROE MORRISON.

F's Pete b 1-1-1910, Edith B. b 5-12-1914, Elizabeth b 6-10-1918, T. C. b 9-7-1923, Onetta b 6-16-1926, Claudia 6-24-1928, Hurlan, d Ruth d.

E **SAMUEL DAVIS** b 8-23-1889 m JANE ODOM.

F's Lucile b 2-11-1916, James Andrew b 12-30-1920.

E **JESSIE R. DAVIS** b 5-16-1891 d 2-2-1933 m ALIE ODOM.

F's Lottie, Harold D. d, Warren d, Lavone d.

E **MARY DAVIS** b 3-12-1893 d 3-1-1936 m ODOM.

F's Ollie Mae, J. W., Herbert, Harley, Horace, Haschal, Handsel, Octavie, Titus Ray.

E **JOSEPH F. DAVIS** b 6-10-1896 d 5-22-1940 m LILLIE LUMPKIN.

F's James R. b 5-15-1920, J. P. b 9-17-1921, Jessie Monroe b 7-11-1923, William Joseph b 5-30-1925, Mattie Lee b 5-11-1932 Frances Elizabeth b 12-9-1934, Vera Mae b 11-9-1936, Harold Lloyd, b 4-6-1939.

E **RUBY M. DAVIS** b 2-15-1893 d 10-15-1951 m MELVIN ODOM

F's Leo, Wayne.

E **NATHANIEL DAVIS** b 10-8-1901 m BESSIE CROSBY.

F's Merle Levon b 3-17-1927, Hellen Lee b 12-22-1929, Donnie Gene b 7-19-1932, Bonnie Jean b 7-19-1932, Nathaniel J., Jr. b 11-24-1935, Harlon Harold b 8-17-1941.

E **LOURAINE DAVIS** b 9-4-1902 m HILIRIE ODOM.

F's James Orvil b 3-29-1921, Vernon Agel b 11-1-1923, Elizabeth Louvenia b 12-21-1926, Era Jane b 11-10-1929, Pearlie Mae b 8-26-1932, Clarence Hilbern b 3-11-1936, Joyce Annette b 12-23-1939, Donel Lavelle b 2-27-1942, Frances Quilene b 2-5-1950.

E **RANDOLPH DAVIS** b 12-25-1905 d 6-30-1939 m CORA LEE PERRET.

F's Adolph, Gussie, Charles, Lizzie Mae.

D2 JESSE M. DAVIS (P. 32)

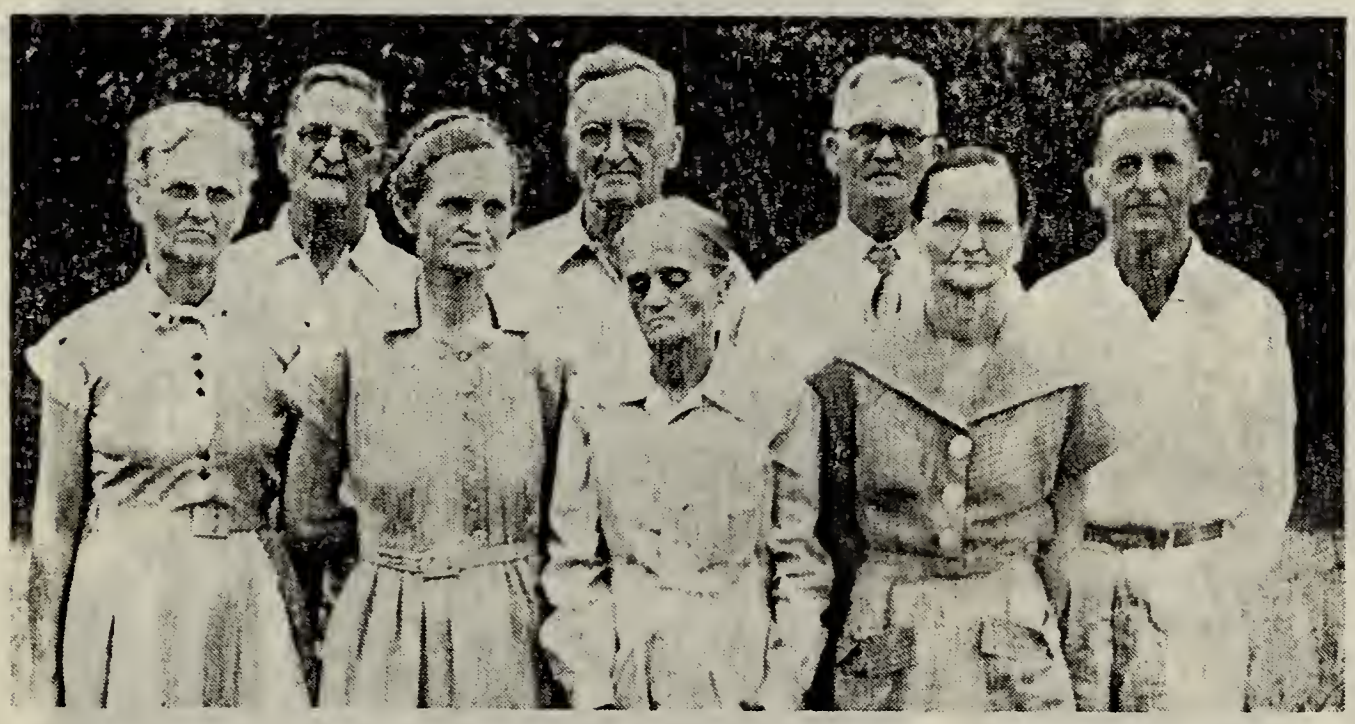
JESSE and HARRIET MITCHELL DAVIS not only lived long lives but the record of their over all family down to 1953 is remarkable because of the proportion of deaths to the total number, and this is especially true of their twelve children with only one death, and that of Zilla, their oldest daughter in 1938. Jesse, like his father, did a great job as the head of a family. Jesse Davis was a quiet-mannered, softspoken man of great poise and self-control who by precept and example commanded the love, honor and respect of his children. It is not surprising therefore that blessings of his life are reflected in the lives of his children and grandchildren who have to be above the average in self-respect, good behavior and fine citizenship to be worthy of their noble heritage.

The home grounds of the descendants of Jesse Davis (D 2) son of William Davis (C1) son of James Davis (B) son of Daniel Davis (A) is the Picayune, Miss. area. Like their forefathers, their principal livelihood has been farming and raising livestock although growing tung orchards and dairying have been engaged in the past two decades.

They were married by A. M. Slaton in the presence of Joseph Mitchell and Mary Smith.

The records of this family were obtained in 1952 after diligent research by Mildred Davis Dossett.

EIGHT OF D2 JESSE M. DAVIS CHILDREN



Back row: Luther, Monroe, Oliver, Archie. Front row: Stella Slyvest, Zella Stockstill, Josephine Stockstill, Della Stockstill.

JESS DAVIS D2 FAMILY REUNION GROUP

D2 JESSE M. DAVIS (p.32) M. Ch. G. Ch. G. G. Ch.

E SARAH SAVILLA DAVIS b 11-14-1878 d 2-14-1938 m 1897 ELIAS A. MITCHELL d 10-26-1945.

F Daniel E. b 7-15-1898 m 3-1917 Millie Smith (G's) Cara Lee, Lucius Dottie, Ardell, Myrtis, Charles, Tommie, Linda Faye.

F Jesse Elmer b 7-13-1900 d 8-28-1937 m 7-13-1919 Arthea Stockstill. (G's) Horace, Arthur, Elyven, Ercell, Alva, Nell, Billie Joe.

F George Felmon b 4-18-1903 m 10-7-1922 Hazel C. Sawyer. (G's) Catherine, Opal, Georgie, Ted.

F Thalus Loyd b 4-28-1905 d 3-4-1935 1st m 4-1926. Stella Fore d 1-3-1930 (G's) Thalus, Jr., Hoppy, 2nd m Daisy Smith July 1934.

F Norman Oscar b 11-13-1908 m 9-6-1930 Dorothy Sawyer (G's) Norma Jean, Buddie, Jo Ellen, h Picayune.

F Robert Ervin h Picayune b 10-12-1910 m 1-29-1934 Velma Cooper. (G's) Bobbie Jo, Kent, Diane.

F Myrtie b 3-11-1913 m Nov. 1934 Theo L. Ellerman. (G's) Theodora, James Nolan.

F Vertis b 11-14-1913 m 9-26-1936 Herbert L. Kelly h Picayune (G's) Mimmie, Herbert Michael, Ronald Wayne.

E THALUS MONROE DAVIS h Bush, La., b 10-16-1918 m DOSHIA MITCHELL.

F Ettis 1st m John Patch (G's) Velma Downes, Rosa Lee Thigpen, John Patch, Jr., 2nd m Clarence Smith h Picayune.

F Delma m Herbert Smith. (G) Lela Mae b 1953 h Picayune.

F Audith h Picayune m Mollie McQueen (G's) Melba, Dimple, Audith G. Jr.,

F Erma m Mames Chawford (G) Ray.

F Hollin h Bush, La., m Algene Thomas.

F Loree m Clarence Thomas.

F Homer m Mary Elizabeth Arnold.

E WILLIAM LUTHER DAVIS b 10-12-1883 m 11-26-1906 ELLA STOCKSTILL b 8-27-1890 h Picayune.

F Henry Clinton b 9-27-1908 m 6-17-1933 Lula Stewart. (G's) Hannoh Jo b 3-9-1935 m 4-17-1953 Ray Adams.

F Helen Katherine b 12-4-1911 m 6-14-1930 Harvey B. Stuart h Picayune (G's) Patricia Delle b 6-7-1933, Phyllis Germaine b 7-18-1936, Harvey Stanley b 2-14-1939.

F Lula Rae b 6-6-1914 m 12-25-1937 Charles S. Cressionnie. (G's) Carolyn Louise b 4-17-1941, Charles Ray b 1-26-1947.

F Patrick m 6-17-1939 Leova Lee. (G's) Shirley Patrick b 3-31-1940, Mary Dean b 9-23-1942, Janise Erlene b 6-23-1945.

F Reginald Luther b 5-11-1920 m 8-6-1944 Minnie L. Walters, h Picayune. (G's) William Sidney b 10-2-1946, Regina Diane b 10-13-1948.

F Lavonne Lucile b 5-18-1922 m 8-12-1950 H. O. (Jack) Williams, h Picayune. (G's) Jackie b 11-26-1952.

E MARTHA JOSEPHINE DAVIS b 7-11-1886 m LEANDER STOCKSTILL. d soon after m.

E JAMES OLIVER DAVIS b 1-4-1889 m 3-2-1909 VERA STOCKSTILL b 12-23-1893 h Picayune

F Rudolph Claude h Picayune b 2-17-1910 m 11-22-1935 Virgie Cooper. (G's) Margaret Ann, Claude Oliver.

F Myra Faye b 6-2-1915

F Mildred h Picayune b 10-2-1917 m 7-30-1938 Horrace J. Dossett. (G) Richard Dorman.

D2 JESSE M. DAVIS (p. 32) M. Ch. G. Ch. G. G. Ch.

F Blondine b 11-19-1919 m 8-2-1947 Harold R. Pittman. (G) Roland Eugene.

E **THOMAS FLETCHER DAVIS** b 4-22-1891 m 12-24-1916 MYRTIS NELSON h Picayune.

F Ida Mae b 2-24-1918 m 7-6-1946 Lester Burge h Picayune.

F Jennie Vera b 2-25-1921 m 5-9-1939 George C. Stockstill h Picayune.

F Katie Lee b 10-23-1923 m A. V. Stockstill h Picayune (G) James Allen

F Laura Bee b 4-14-1925 m 8-30-1947 Virgil Sones h Carriere (G) Virgil.

F Thomas b 12-27-1939 d 1-31-1940.

E PRISCILLA M. DAVIS b 8-25-1893 d 12-12-1946 1st. m BURON HERRIN.

F Edith, Prentiss d 12-12-1918, 2nd m OLIVER ALEXANDER.

E **ARCHIE DAVIS** b 9-10-1895 m 5-25-1918 ALMA STOCKSTILL. h Picayune.

F Julia b 7-4-1920 m 11-27-1937 Jarvis D. Kelly h Picayune (G's) Judith Ann, Janith Faye, Jeraleen.

F Vernice b 11-25-1921

F Hilda b 3-15-1925 m 10-21-1944 J. D. Miller h Picayune. (G) Paula Marie.

F Juanita b 7-19-1928 m 11-29-1947 Douglas Burge h Picayune (G) Beer-Sheba Kaye.

E **RALPH DAVIS** b 10-10-1895 m WILLIE STEWART.

F Paul Edward

F Ethel Lee m William Davis. (G) Ralph.

E **DELLA DAVIS** b 3-14-1900 m 1915 SHERZIE STOCKSTILL. h Picayune.

F Aster Ree b 8-13-1917 m 1936 Arthur L. Varnado. (G's) Jimmie Glenn, Arthur L.

F R. J. b 9-23-1920 m 1942 Betty Reinhart. (G's) Judie, Ronnie Reinhart h Picayune.

F Jessie Lee b 9-16-1922 m 1939 W. G. Fendley h Picayune (G's) Keith, Gerry, Glenda Fae.

E **ZELLA DAVIS** b 2-22-1903 m 6-26-1920 BRUNER STOCKSTILL h Picayune

F Ona Lee b 7-27-1921 m 3-23-1940 Harold Farmer h Picayune (G's) Sandra Sue, Aaron P.

F J. M. b 9-5-1922 m 5-17-1942 Jane Scott (G's) Jimmie, Jonathan, Tommie, Carolyn, Scott h Picayune.

F Aaron b 8-17-1924 d 2-14-1946.

F Dorothy M. b. 3-26-1928 m 1-20-1948 Willie E. Moody h Picayune (G's) Sherrell Nell, Allen.

E **STELLA DAVIS** b 2-22-1905 m 8-14-1920 HERMAN SYLVEST, b 12-5-1896

F Marvin h Carriere b 1-1-1923 m 2-14-1949 Zella M. Douglass. (G's) Patricia Ann, Peggy Lynn.

F Cecil Ray h Picayune b 4-14-1925 m 3-4-1947 Kathleen Spiers. (G) Connie Marie.

F James H. b 6-27-1928 h Picayune.

F Beatrice b 12-18-1930 m 3-12-1949 James H. Mitchell (G) Debra.

F Jeanette b 9-19-1937

F Garland b 8-15-1941

D3 NANCY ELIZABETH SPIERS P. 32

NANCY ELIZABETH DAVIS, the oldest daughter of William and Julia Lee Davis married THOMAS J. SPIERS in 1876. She was a sister of Josephine (D4) and Caroline Davis (D5) who also married Spierses - namely Jim and John. It is suggested that the reader watch closely the Davis, Spiers, Cooper marriages in this book, also Spiers record in Henry Frank Davis (C5) chapter.

Nancy Elizabeth and "Tom" Spiers began their marriage partnership about the time of the end of the terrible "Reconstruction Era" and the overthrow of carpetbag and scalawag rule following the "War of Invasion" of the Southern States. They were born and reared their children, as did all the children of James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis, under most difficult and trying circumstances - threat of civil strife, then the war, with the collapse of the money system, poverty, breakdown of the established state government, carpetbag government, the South's wealth and white manhood seriously depleted and rampant racial strife. Under these circumstances, and without railroads, highways, public schools or an educated clergy, Elizabeth and "Tom" Spiers reared a fine family within the framework of the simple and frugal farm and livestock and wild-life pattern of their era.

The work and time given in securing this family data by the following is gratefully acknowledged: Edith Spiers Ladner, Zadie Spiers Lumpkin, Mattye Davis Carrier, Jepthia Spiers, Verna Cooper Boone, Lee Spiers Kelly and Sarah Elizabeth Warren.

The McNeil area is considered the home ground of many of the Spiers families.

D3 **NANCY E. DAVIS SPIERS** (p 32) **M. Ch. G. Ch. G. G. Ch. GGG Ch.**
E **SARAH ELIZABETH SPIERS** b 10-13-18-- d 12-19-1924
m. JOSEPH WHEAT h Bogalousa
F Nolia b 9-20-1900 d. April 1913.
F Dora b 8-18-1903 m 12-16-1921, Willie C. Creel.
F Prentiss b 10-2-1904 m 12-24-1925, Louise Rice.
F Curtis b 10-24-1907 m 10-24-1931, Alma Ramsey h Bogalousa, La.
F Pearlie b 8-31-1912 m 4-15-1933, Nezzie Graham h Bogalousa, La.
F Myrtle Lou m 7-4-1936, Johnnie Bunch h Bogalousa, La.

E **SELMA JOSEPHINE SPIERS** b 9-11-1877 d 9-3-1899 m 12-16-1897.
m JAMES H. COOPER b Nov. 1868 d 1-4-1951.
F Gertrude C. b. 3-15-1900 d 9-30-1950

E **FRANKA SPIERS** b 7-26-1879 d 7-7-1903 m 3-16-1901, ROBERT LEWIS b 1873 d 12-5-1950.

E **LEON SOLOMAN SPIERS** b 6-19-1881 m 6-14-1905, ANNIE WHEAT b 12-31-1890 h Perkinston Rt. 2.
F Sarah Elizabeth b 9-5-1907 m 4-30-1927, Nathan Warren h Picayune b 11-2-1900. (G) Gwendolyn b 10-14-1929, m George Seal b. 4-16-1922. (H) Dannie Carl b 10-4-1950. (G's) Elroy b 8-20-1934, Caroline Elizabeth b 12-25-1940.
F Charlie h Perkinston b 11-2-1911 m Nov. 1930, Olian Ladner b 3-15-1916. (G's) Charlie, Jr. b 3-1-1932, Herschell P. b 8-31-1940, Eva Lee b 12-19-1942, Elvin Ann b 3-23-1947 d 3-23-1947 Nancy Adelle b 11-1-1951, Linda Ann b 12-23-1953.
F Lee Lourenda b 1-17-1914 m 3-6-1936, John C. Kelly h Mobile, Ala. b 3-4-1943, Sandra Lee b 7-1-1944.

D3 NANCY E. DAVIS SPIERS (P 32) M. Ch. G. Ch. G. G. Ch.

F Lucile b 9-24-1917 d 1-25-1950 m S. J. Chiniche b 3-16-1913. (G) Wesley b 1-25-1950.

F Carl Wilson b 9-12-1921 m L. Mayfield h Perkinston.

F Helen b 3-15-1927.

E **WILLIAM JEFFERSON SPIERS** b 3-26-1885 m 5-14-1904, ROSA LEE WHEAT b 1-18-1887.

F Marvin b 5-14-1906 m 11-5-1930, Albertha Ladner b 6-18-1913. (G's) Lovie Mae b 12-4-1932, Rolan Fay b 8-19-1935, Letsy Mary b 12-2-1938, Carver James b 12-15-1940, Marlin Jerry b 4-19-1944, Julia Ann b 11-2-1948.

F Marshall h Perkinston b 1-8-1908 m 3-2-1930, Mildred Necaise b 4-1-1911. (G's) Hollis Edmund b 2-8-1935, Gordon William b 1-14-1938.

F A. C. b 4-29-1910 d May 1934 , Pearline Necaise. (G) Mazie m Clifton Ladner.

F Edith b 7-22-1913 m 3-10-1934, Orease Ladner h Perkinston. (G's) Barbara Jean b 11-14-1935 m Joseph Patterson, (H) Dennis Gerald. (G) Joyce Armaryllis b 3-8-1938 m Ellis Cuevas (H) Deborah Ann. (G's) Clinton b 3-21-1940, Sarah Dell b 5-15-1942, Carole Lane b 11-13-1945, Judy Gail b 7-20-1948, Clement b 3-17-1950, Edith Marie b 1-5-1953.

F Ethel b 9-30-1916 m 7-20-1935, Oris Ladner h Perkinston b 7-20-1910. (G's) James Cedric, Ethel Jewel, Lynn Austin.

F Mary Ann b 3-5-1919 m 6-9-1938, Burnis J. Ladner h Perkinston b 7-19-1916. (G's) Hugh Dudley b 11-2-1940, Joseph William b 7-23-1942, Bernice Jean b 8-14-1947, Mary Kathleen b 2-26-1949, Gerard b 6-5-1952, Dickie Gerald b 2-26-1954.

F Etta Mae b 2-12-1921 m Oscar J. Moran h Perkinston. (G's) Rose Mary b 1944, Virginia Ann b 1947, Oscar, Jr., b 1950.

F E. J. b 7-25-1927 m 12-21-1947, Hilda Brogdon b 9-23-1930. (G's) Joe Douglas b 10-16-1948, Bennie Preston b 6-23-1950, E. J. Jr. b 2-22-1952, Rita Fay b 1-1-1954 h Perkinston.

E **LOUELLA SPIERS** b 11-11-1887 m 12-6-1906, ENOCH ALBERT WHEAT b 9-22-1879 h Poplarville.

F Ernest b 11-10-1907

F Ottis b 10-21-1909 m 1-16-1838 Bonita Quave h Poplarville

F Myrtis b 7-30-1911 m 5-23-1930, Dennis Humphery.

F Willie E. b 2-16-1913 d 1914.

F Virgie b 2-10-1915 m 11-5-1932, Herman Smith h Poplarville.

F Vera b 2-15-1919 m 1-21-1940, O'neal Baughman h Poplarville.

F Clara Bell b 8-22-1921 m 1-16-49, Robert L. Chuites h Jackson.

F Marion Cecil b 4-21-1926 m 4-7-1950, Alma Rice.

E **JACOB R. SPIERS** b 6-19-1890 m 5-27-1913, DAISY KENMAR b 3-6-1896 h Carriere

F Lemuel Jacob b 5-14-1915 m U. V. Gamble.

F Audrey Mae b 1-24-1920 m Leonard Jones.

F Hollis Edward b 2-27-1922 m Jessie Passman.

F Floreta M. b 2-15-1925 m Myron Harris.

F Donald Ray b 8-18-1927.

F Dollie Ann b 6-26-1938.

E **CHARLIE RUFUS SPIERS** b 7-31-1894 m 6-21-1930, RUBYE COLEman b 2-12-1908 h Carriere.

E **ZADIE SPIERS** b 7-10-1897 m 2-3-1922, ELLIS LUMPKIN b 10-18-1895 h Carriere.

D4 MARY JOSEPHINE DAVIS SPIERS

James Spiers was the son of William and Mariah Cooper Spiers. Mariah was a sister to Cornelius Cooper who married (C4) Nancy E. Davis, daughter of (A) James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis. Their son (C5) Henry Frank Davis married Anna Cooper, also sister of Cornelius. Mary Josephine's mother was Julia Lee, a sister of Tom Lee. Two of Josephine's sisters and one brother also married Spierses. The various early connections of these old South Mississippi and Louisiana families - which link many sons and daughters of Lee, Spiers, Cooper, Jones and Davis offspring may be noted throughout this book. Of course later marriages shown in these pages give even more such connections of interest.

James and Mary Josephine Davis Spiers were buried at their old home place.

D4 MARY JOSEPHINE DAVIS SPIERS Page 32 M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **WILLIAM B. SPIERS** b 5-7-1883 d 1-20-1945 m 2-14-1916, ETHEL REBECCA STRODE.
F Willie Edith b 11-4-1916 m Myrtis Johnson.
F Walter Odell b 12-1-1917 m Evelyn Lee.
F William K. b 4-24-1921 m Ruby Dell Swan.
F Ray Marie b 12-28-1927 m William Cross.

E **JEPTHIA SPIERS** b 2-27-1885 m 1-27-1907, OLLIE BARBARA ALEXANDER h Carriere Rt. 2.
F Zethel b 8-19-1909 m Dave Crawford.
F James Cornelius b 5-28-1911, m Victoria Attaya.
F Bessie Mae b 4-28-1913 m Ernest Robert Burgess.
F Irene Elizabeth b 11-22-1917 m Paul O. Couvillion.
F Mary Evelyn b 5-3-1921 m Irvin M. McLeod.
F Earnevelle Augusta b 8-3-1923 m George Spiers.
F Jewell Williard b 2-22-1925 m Aline Miller.
F Bobby Blair b 7-10-1928 m Elizabeth Freterburger.

D5 CAROLINE DAVIS SPIERS

Caroline Davis married John J. Spiers in old Hancock County in 1877 when she was 28 years old. She was the 5th child of William and Julia Lee Davis's children. For further family connections refer to the previous chapter (D4) and to the other family members from D1 to D18 covering over 700 descendants.

The Caroline and John Spiers family record was reported by Mrs. Harry B. Sones of Carriere without whose cooperation this record could not have been made.

D5 CAROLINE DAVIS SPIERS (P 33) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **NANCY JOSEPHINE SPIERS** b 3-20-1879 m 3-5-1903 PETER RICHARDSON MITCHELL b 10-8-1868. h Carriere.
F Thomas Andrew b 3-7-1904 m 9-7-1924, Myrtle Smith b 11-17-1905.

D5 CAROLINE DAVIS SPIERS (Continued)

(G) Kenneth Carrol b 8-25-1926 m 12-15-1950, Geraldine Sanderson b 1-27-1932 (H's) Linda Carol b 9-24-1951, Richard Eugene b 10-30-1953. (G's) Connie Jean b 4-22-1928 d 11-8-1928, Riley c. b 5-23-1930 m 2-6-1954, Wanda Leblue b 11-27-1933, Phyllis Carolyn b 12-21-1931 m 10-28-1950, Shirley Wise b 1-9-1924 (H) Reginald Wise b 1-14-1952. (G's) Harren Wayne b 11-1-1933, Nancy Lou b 7-26-1935.

F Ouida b 1-31-1906.

F John Riley b 9-7-1911 m 11-26-1930, Julia b 9-8-1902.

F Mable b 9-13-1908 m 5-9-1930, Marvin Tynes b 9-17-1909. (G's) Irma Jean b 3-22-1931, Donald b 7-14-1932, Doyle b 9-3-1937, Larry b 7-5-1939, Charles Ray b 7-24-1950.

F Rufus b 1-17-1911 m 7-28-1939, Eunice Tynes b 11-27-1916. (G's) Wendell b 5-9-1940, Violet b 10-14-1942.

F Pearl Virginia b 4-2-1913.

F Pershing b 10-23-1915 d 8-7-1918.

F Lessie b 12-30-1919.

D6 SEABORN HENRY DAVIS

SEABORN HENRY DAVIS, SR. at 94 has a distinction in 1955 that is not enjoyed by any other among the thousands recorded in this book. While several others, including his brother, William at 93, have approached his record, he is the only person registered in this book who was born at the beginning of the Civil War, lived through the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II and the Korean War. He was alive and reasonably active at the time of the death of Albert Einstein, April 19, 1955, whose theory of relativity lead to the creation of the H-Bomb, the use of which in a global war would end civilization, and probably mankind, if not all life. Among other qualities conducive to the longevity of Seaborn H. Davis are self-control, good will and a fine sense of humor.

This Great grand-father is also pictured in the first part of this book at a family reunion on Mother's Day 1954. It was held at Caesar where Seaborn's grandparents, James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis, were buried and near where his father William was reared.

D6 SEABORN HENRY DAVIS (P 33) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **CLYDE DAVIS** b 3-17-1895 m 1-20-1923 RUBY ZORELLA BROWN b 9-18-1903.

F Carl Allen h Denham Springs, La. b 2-24-1924 m 8-24-1946 Verona I. Averette b 8-31-1926. (G's) Carl Allen Jr. b 12-19-1949, Larry Wayne b 12-18-1952, Kenneth Earl b 6-28-1954.

F Arthur Lee h Panama City, Fla. b 4-6-1925 m 12-24-1948 Magdalen L. Besson b 7-28-1926. (G) Diane Marie b 10-7-1949.

F Helen Marie b 8-4-1926 m 2-2-1946 Byron M. Andrus h Amite, La., b 8-20-1924. (G's) Brenda Marie b 11-18-1946, Sheryl Ann b 2-12-1948, Wanda Alice b 3-25-1950.

F Stella Grace b 1-21-1930 m Merton E. Buck b 5-26-1924. (G's) Merton Edward Jr., b 9-17-1950, Clyde Allen b 3-27-1952, Linda Sue b 4-22-1954.

E **LAWRENCE DAVIS** b 1-6-1898 m 7-11-1918 EDNA COATES.

F Clinton J. h Baton Rouge, La., b 9-22-1919 m 6-29-1947 Abeline Starnes. (G) Sherwood H. b 3-1-1953.

F Margie b 6-8-1921 m 5-10-1946 R. D. Hebert h. W. Monroe, La. (G's) Dorothy Ann b 2-25-1947, Donald b 8-24-1949, Mildred b 12-12-1948.

F Delma b 10-7-1922 m 4-15-1944 Carl Wagner h Albany, La. (G) Charles

D6 SEABORN HENRY DAVIS (Continued

Dean b 1-17-1948.

F Florence b 4-30-1926 m 1-28-1946 Chester Gill h Albany, La., (G's) Shelia Jean b 9-24-1946, Tresa Rae b 2-15-1951.

F Lawrence, Jr. b 2-27-1928.

F Norma b 11-6-1929 m 3-18-1948 Henry Martin h Hammond, La. (G's) Wayne Gayle b 1-14-1949, Rodney K. b 6-23-1952.

F Janice b 3-31-1935 m 4-12-1952 John L. Morrison, h Hammond, La., (G) Susan b 12-22-1953.

F Troy D. b 4-15-1942.

E **FLORENCE DAVIS** b 1-6-1898 m 1915 HOWARD BOLLIN h Ponchatoula, La.

F Norman H. b 4-31-1916 m 1953 Roberta B. McCormish h Ponchatoula, La.

F Eloise b April 1918 d 10-21-1936.

F Elizabeth b August 1931 m 1948 Buford Traylor. h Hammond, La.

F Dalores Nell b 9-18-1936.

F Margaret Ann b 9-28-1939.

E **SEABORN DAVIS, JR.** h Ponchatoula, La., b 7-22-1902 m 7-16-1924 MARY NEIHOUS b 11-4-1902.

F Alvin H. h Ponchatoula, La. b 8-22-1925 m 1946 Dixie Harding. (G's) Linda Ann b 4-20-1947, Alvin J. Jr. b 7-21-1948, Debbie Ruth b 5-30-1952, Lynn Marie b 12-8-1953.

D7 WILLIAM JEFFERSON DAVIS

Cornellia Young Davis mothered 10 children and lived until 1933. William, their father, was alive in April 1955 and attending a Baptist Church regularly at the age of 94. Only Heaven can measure the social and economic contribution the kind of parents William and Cornelia, and the others of their era, made to Louisiana and Mississippi. Certainly we ought to honor ourselves by paying tribute to our foreparents like Daniel Davis, John G. Worthy, Esther Davis and Nancy Spinks Worthy, for their noble children, and their great grandchildren, like William. Remember, however, the real tribute is for us who are living in 1955. (their great great grandchildren, five generations removed), and our descendants to live worthily of their contributions to our heritage of good behavior and noble deeds. William's picture is in the first part of this book, as well as in this chapter.

D7 WILLIAM JEFFERSON DAVIS (P 33) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **MARGIE ESTELLE DAVIS** b 5-20-1895 m 1-2-1918 CHARLES I. McDANIEL, h Amite, La.

F Charles William b 1918 d 9-14-1934.

F Gladys Myrtle b 8-18-1920 m 8-5-1945 Perry Pevey h Amite, La. (G) Joyce Ann b 6-24-1946.

F Doris Lanell b 2-15-1928 m 4-6-1947 Wilfork Sharkey, h Amite, La. (G) Margie Valeirra b 11-2-1953.

E **GEORGE WASHINGTON DAVIS** b 3-30-1897 h Amite, La.

F Lillie Mae b 4-6-1918 m 7-20-1938 William A. Newell, h Amite, La. (G's) Barbara Ann b9-11-1939, Cannal Austin h Amite, La. b 6-14-1941, Brenda b 8-19-1947, Carl Edward b 10-18-1948, James Terry b 2-2-1950.

F George Wilson, h Amite, La b 9-28-1919 m 3-11-1950 Mary Retha Battles (G's) Glenn Wilson b 11-14-1950, Lyndon Earl b 10-30-1953.

D7 WILLIAM JEFFERSON DAVIS (Continued)
F Mildred Helen b 2-10-1921.
F Huey Newman, h Amite, La., b 8-16-1928 m 1-26-1952 Dorris Bennett (G) Gerald Wayne b 11-16-1952.

E **ERNEST NELSON DAVIS,** h Amite, La. b 8-24-1898 m 12-24-1927 Rosie Miller.
F Paul Alford b 2-9-1934.
F James Ernest b 12-18-1935, h Amite, La.
F David Charles b 11-14-1938.
F Ann Louise b 7-26-1940.
F Neva Joyce b 3-22-1943.
E Ryvers Anita b 5-9-1945.

E **MYRTLE CLARA DAVIS** b 9-6-1904 m 6-22-1927 TRUMAN C. MILLER, h Picayune.
F Billy Horace b 12-13- 1930.
F Bobby Harold b 12-13-1930.

E **ELVES JACOB DAVIS** b 5-6-1908 m June 1929 WILLIE KEYS, h. Amite, La.
F Elves Donald b 3-10-1930 m 6-12-1952 Lucile Grace Stevens b 12-29-1935. (G) Mona Kay b 4-14-1954, h Franklinton, La.
F Ramona Kay b 7-15-193- m 7-23-1951 William Tyrl (G) Gregory Edward b 9-4-1954.
F Jimmie b 10-9-19--.
F Mary June b 6-1-1940.
F Willie Keys b 10-23-1947.
F Michael C. b 1-15-1949.
F Christopher Richard Oct. 1950.
F Randolph K. b 1-3-1953.

E **ROBERT LOUIS DAVIS** b 2-18-1911 m 5-25-1946 NONA STEVENS GRIFFIN, h Franklinton, La.
F Charles Edwin Griffin b 7-28-1941 (stepson)

E **NELLIE ELAINE DAVIS** b 6-1-1917 m 8-3-1942 MARLIN WILLARD McDANIEL, h New Orleans, La.

D8 SARAH JANE DAVIS BRELAND

The marriage of Sarah Jane to Emery Breland united the descendants of two early pioneer families of Mississippi and Louisiana. However, most of the Brelands settled in Miss. and numerous offsprings live in Stone County.

Many Brelands and Davis offsprings were connected by marriages throughout South Miss and several may be noted in this book. Inability to give complete details on Sarah Jane and Emery is regretted.

D8 SARAH JANE DAVIS BRELAND (P 33) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **WILLIAM E. BRELAND** b 10-28-1890 d 8-16-1949 m 3-22-1916 BERTIE BOOKTER.
F Murry Lee, h Pine Grove, La. b 1-10-1917 m Sept 1936 Hazel McLin. (G) Dalton Ottis b 12-21-1939.
F Henry Ellis, h Pine Grove, La. b 12-26-1922 m Annie Mae Bridges. (G's) Henry Ellis, Jr., b 7-20-1943, Gloria Faye b 11-14-1946.

D8 SARAH JANE DAVIS BRELAND (Continued)

E CLEMA EUDORA DAVIS b 10-9-1892 m JOE DURBIN
F James Emery m Bertie Hogg, h Hammond, La.
F Sammie Otis, h Independence, La. m Mary Faujoana, (G's) Saundra, Elaine, Louise, Jo Ann, Sammie Jr.
F Russel Earl m Inez Facona, h Independence, La. (G's) Inez, Pauline Joan, Russell Earl, Jr., Joseph Anthony, John Martin, Donald Wayne.
F Levi William, h Independence, La.

E OTTIS SUMMERS BRELAND, h Pine Grove, La. b 4-9-1896 m EUNICE VAUGHN.

E JOSEPHINE BRELAND b 2-7-1898 m 9-30-1933 MARTIN WALLACE h Pine Grove, La.

D9 JOHN FRANKLIN DAVIS

John and Florence Eugenia Breland were married in St. Helena Parish and settled on a farm west of Amite, La. Here they reared a fine family of 10 children and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew them.

A niece wrote: "Uncle John was a big tease, happy in disposition, strong of character and provided well for his family." A very good life.

Not only this family but all readers of this book owe a debt of gratitude to John's son, Percy L. Davis of St. Louis, Mo. When prospects of publishing this family history was at the lowest tide, he gave hearty encouragement and financial support. His sister, Lola Davis Redmond, has given worthy aid and was chosen as Historian of the William Davis family.

D9 JOHN FRANKLIN DAVIS (P 33) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E PERCY LINWOOD DAVIS b 3-9-1901 m 3-6-1926 TENNY VIOLA SPENCE b 2-21-1905, h 4128 Westminster Place, St. Louis, Mo.
F Linwood b 1-9-1927 m 3-12-1945 Ruby Lois McCants b 2-10-1927. (G's) Linwood, Jr. b 1-12-1946, Mitchell b 8-16-1949. Preston b 8-16-1950, h Tokyo, Japan.

E LOLA ELIZA DAVIS h Greensburg, La. b 9-14-1904 m 9-19-1940 GEORGE J. REDMOND b 12-17-1903.
F John Davis b 7-18-1941.
F Andrew Sitman b 10-11-1942.
F Paul Thomas b 4-21-1944.

E JOHN ALBERT DAVIS b 2-12-1907 d 6-30-1947 m MYRTH AGNES BORNE, h Amite, La.
F Joel Arnette b 4-6-1937.
F James Albert b 8-12-1941.
F Aubrey Thomas b 11-16-1942.
F David Marshall b 11-13-1944.

E JESSE WILMER DAVIS h Greensburg, La. b 10-28-1909 m March 1941 ANNE MAE RAUSH EDWARDS.

E WILLIAM ALTON DAVIS, h Amite, La. b 12-26-1911 m 9-16-1939 CHRISTINA WILLIAMS.
F William Alton, Jr. b 1-11-1942.
F Lawrence Edwin b 12-26-1946.

D10 ISAAC NEWTON DAVIS

Letha Gibson Davis

Isaac and Letha Gibson Davis moved to a community west of Amite, La. in 1915. Isaac's father, William, moved from Hancock, Co., Miss. to Louisiana in Sept. 1877. Isaac settled in the community in which his brothers John, William and sister Martha Davis Goynes, lived. These brothers and the sister were highly respected by others of the community because of their love, kindness and consideration of one another, and the quiet, peaceful manner in which they lived. As expressed by one who was a visitor, "the way you were treated by them stayed in your mind as pleasant memories." They lived well and graciously a thrifty but simple pastoral life. Their era offered men and women who had, as they did, the judgment and character to place living their lives above a mad rush of making a living, and Letha, the mother of 14, and Uncle William, are alive in 1955.

D10 ISAAC NEWTON DAVIS (P 34) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **EVA DAVIS** b 9-22-1893 m 1-7-1917 WILLIE ANGELE, h Amite, La.
F Nettie b 12-15-1917 m 4-23-1938 Clarence Jenkins, h Amite, La., (G) William Russell b 2-1-1942.
F Katie b 7-11-1920.

E **JOHN EMERY DAVIS,** h Amite, La., b 3-22-1895 m 1-1-1921 LAURA SHOCKEY.
F Russell S., h Amite, La., b 9-21-1925 m 4-27-1949 Doris Connaly (G) Sandra Fay b 12-3-1951.

E **ELLIS DAVIS,** h Amite, La., b 5-23-1896 m 2-9-1924 COLEAN SHARKEY.
F Leo Ellis, h Amite, La. b 1-25-1925 m 7-1-1949 Ione Chapman (G's) Cathy b 8-4-1951, Colean b 1-23-1955.
F Mollie Mae b 9-12-1929.

E **WINNIE DAVIS** b 1-1-1901 m 4-27-1927 C. D. MILLER, h Amite, La.
F Alfred b 9-17-1929 d 7-26-1931.
F Clarence D. b 7-21-1932 m 3-28-1954 Mary Elizabeth Goynes.

E **MINNIE DAVIS** b 1-1-1901 m 2-23-1925 ERNEST ANGELE h Amite, La.
F Ernest Walton, h Independence, La. m 7-13-1944 Doris George (G's) Pamela Jean b 6-12-1946, Lenda Gale b 9-13-19--.

E **LULA DAVIS** b 3-12-1903 m 3-12-1927 JAMES COURTNEY.
F James N. Jr. b 2-5-1928 m 10-15-1950 Margie Dearie (G) James N. III b 10-31-1952.
F Edwin C. b 4-13-1931.

E **ISAAC ARLIE DAVIS,** h Amite, La. b 7-17-1906 m 5-21-1933 EVA ASHLEY.

D10 ISAAC NEWTON DAVIS (Continued

F Lawrence D. b 4-8-1934.
F Leonard R. b 11-3-1940.

E **JOSEPH MURDOCK DAVIS,** h Greensburg, La. b 5-5-1908 m 12-26-1933 NANNIE REEVES.
F Harold Eugene b 12-14-1934.

E **ELBERT DAVIS** b 11-3-1911 m 4-2-1936 BERTHA DURNIN.
F Joyce Amitte b 5-6-1941.
F Thomas Elbert b 12-16-1942, h Amite, La.

E **MORGAN LEE DAVIS,** h Amite, La, b 4-6-1913 m 4-16-1938 MABLE HENRY.
F Helen Loraine b 4-11-1940.
F Diane Gayle b 1-29-1946.

E **MARELLE DAVIS** b 5-17-1914 m 12-17-1937 LOUIS HENDRY, h Roseland, La.
F Jerry Kaye b 12-17-1938.
F Terry Jacqueline b 7-13-1941.
F Gary Micajah b 10-9-1943.
F Marlin Elra b 12-29-1945.
F Bennett Alfred b 1-1-1947.

D11 THOMAS FLETCHER DAVIS

Fletcher and Edith Petlitte were married in 1894 and he lived to be 81 years of age. The family was reared in the Amite Parish area and later moved to Hammond in Tangipahoa Parish. Fletcher should not be confused with another Fletcher Davis of his time who was a son of "Big Jim" Davis of Old Harrison Co., Miss. There is no traceable kin of "Big Jim" of the same period and area to Fletcher's grandfather James Davis, except by later marriages. Lack of full details about this family is regretted.

D11 THOMAS FLETCHER DAVIS (P 34) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **BERTHA DAVIS** m CARLIE CARR, h Hammond, La.
E **ETHEL DAVIS** m EDWIN DEHNEL,, h Washtucua, Wash.
E **MINNIE DAVIS** m CASPHAR FREDERICKS, h Hammond, La.
E **ROY DAVIS** m ALMA WILLIAMS, h Albany, La.
E **OTTIS DAVIS** m RUBY SCOTT, h Hammond, La.

D12 HARRIETT ANN DAVIS PEVEY

Harriett Ann was born in what was then Hancock County, Miss. before her father moved to Louisiana in 1877. Her great grandfather, Daniel, owned land in Louisiana and both sides of Pearl River before moving to Copiah County, Miss. where her grandfather, James, married Elizabeth Worthy. Harriett Ann's father William was born in Copiah County before they moved to old Hancock County, Miss., an interesting cycle through the generations.

We regret not having a complete record of all the Harriett Ann and Jess Pevey families.

D12 HARRIETT ANN DAVIS PEVEY (P 34) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **IRMA PEVEY** b 8-9-1906 m Nov. 1932 MARVIN FLEMING, h Jackson, La.
F Peggy Jean b 12-15-1934.

D12 HARRIETT ANN DAVIS PEVEY (Continued) (P 34)

E I. D. PEVEY b 6-10-1908 m June 1945 J. E. GREEN, h Marlin, Tex.
F Kay b 3-15-1942.
E ELSIE PEVEY b 6-2-1910 m 4-30-1930 KNOX EDDARDS, h Pine Grove, La.
F Fonda Knox b 1-18-1932.
E HULON PEVEY, h Pine Grove, La. b 3-9-1913 m 11-6-1943 NETTIE McLIN.
F Leon Jesse b 12-10-1944.
F Harriett Ann b 1-18-1946.
E WILSON PEVEY b 11-20-1916 m 4-26-1947 BILLIE JUNE McCOY.
F Wilson Pevey, Jr. b 9-6-1948.
F Marylin Sue b 8-2-1951.

D13 MARTHA LOUISE DAVIS GOYNES

Here is an expression of tribute to Martha Davis Goynes from a fine, sincere person who knew the family well that reveals much, "The things I remember so well about them is, they loved people and enjoyed company. Everything seemed so peaceful—every effort made you feel at home and the way you were treated stayed in your memory."

You are indebted to Lola Davis Redmond and Ellazean Chandler Hoover for the report on this family.

The William Davis (C1) family has an outstanding record as revealed from the times of his grandfather (A) Daniel, his father (B) James and his children from D1 thru D18 in these pages.

D13 MARTHA LOUISE DAVIS GOYNES (P 34) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E MINNIE GOYNES b 11-27-1903 m CARL HOLDEN, h Canton.
E JAMES GASTON GOYNES b 9-11-1905 m HELEN BLACK, h Jacksonville, Fla.
F Beverly Ann b Feb. 1936.
E MILDRED ELIZA GOYNES b 8-10-1913 m 12-1-1909. FRANCIS E. VARNADO, h Baton Rouge, La.
F Frances Imogene b 9-6-1936.
F Douglas Eual b 7-30-1938.
F Martha Ann b 12-9-1942.

D14 VIRGINIA DAVIS DURBIN

Virginia Davis Durbin was highly recognized for her bouyant spirit, consideration, kindness and helpfulness toward others. She lived as a gracious step-mother and mother only nine years. The beautiful life of love, devotion and service to others made her transition to the spirit world appear, from a human viewpoint, most untimely. Though probably not justified in fact, it is the physical passing of great personalities like Virginia Davis Durbin that gave currency to the idea that the lovely and exceedingly good die young. Possibly Virginia died young that others might live better and longer.

Eddie Durbin had three children by a former marriage and we do not have a complete report on this family.

D14 VIRGINIA DAVIS DURBIN (P 35) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E VERMON DURBIN b 1-17-1903 m 7-12-1924 GLADYS HINSON.
F Vera b 4-2-1926 m 6-16-1946 Earl McFarland.
F Harold b 4-2-1928.
F Gloria b 9-29-1931 m Raoul Simmons.

D15 ALZEDIA DAVIS CHANDLER (P 35)

Alzedia Davis and sister Theodotia both married Chandlers. She lived but one year after marriage. Being denied the privilege to live and serve as her sisters did, and being deprived of a full life of love and service, God in His "mysterious ways His duties to perform" must have wonderfully served others and enriched Heaven by a divine act that He only can understand, and thereby made earth more interesting and Heaven more inviting.

The Mother of Virginia and Alzedia lives in spirit today in her many descendants because of the short but gracious lives they lived. And such lives give real value, meaning and dignity to motherhood, while the tragedy of their early deaths, from a human standpoint, should emphasize the opportunity, privilege and sacredness of marriage and home.

D16 THEODOTIA DAVIS CHANDLER

The reader can realize how pleasing it might have been for us to have had family pictures like the one on the next page and the money to finance the production of such a book. Although we are limited in these pages, the author's dream will be realized if this book serves to stimulate the keeping of better family records.

The picture of 78 year old Theodotia Davis Chandler, her husband and all five of their children is sufficient expression of love, respect and faith to the credit of the William (C) James (B) and Daniel (A) families related in this book.

D16 THEODOTIA DAVIS CHANDLER (P 35) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **JAMES ERNEST CHANDLER,** h Rayville, La. b 7-10-1903 m 6-22-1933 EVA L. ROBARDS b 2-27-1912.
F Katherine Ernestine b 11-19-1937.

E **CHARLES ALTON CHANDLER,** h Hammond, La. b 8-5-1905 m 3-12-19-- HASSIE WILLIAMS.
F Charles Edward, h Hammond, La. b 1-25-1927 m 1-5-1953 Vivian Holt (G) Charles Chandler III b 8-7-1954.
F Eula Lee b 4-18-1928 m 11-18-1949 Eddie Martin, h Hammond, La., (G's) Charles Earl b 10-6-1950, Michael Ray b 1-28-1951, Jimmy b 7-1-1952.
F Raymond A. b 9-26-1936.

E **THOMAS WILLIAM CHANDLER,** h Baton Rouge, La. b 3-10-1908 m 2-15-1928 CLYTIE BRIDGES.
F Ruth Katherin b 12-25-1929 m 12-31-1949 L. C. Allmond, h Baton Rouge, La., (G) Deborah Lynn b 1-7-1954.
Thomas William, Jr. h Baton Rouge, b 10-22-1933 m 4-14-1954, Alice Ann Hanks (G) Terry Ann b 4-12-1955.
F Dorothy Nell b 9-23-1935 m 5-11-1953 Carroll Lee Shaffer, h Greenwell Springs, La. (G) Richard Lee b 2-6-1954.
F Joe Ann b 2-28-1939 m 2-25-1952 M. C. Hutchinson, h Baton Rouge, La.

E **ELLAZEAN CHANDLER** b 3-24-1916 m 6-11-1940 BERTON B HOOVER. Hammond, La.
F Carroll Lee b 2-6-1954.

E **DAISY MAE CHANDLER** b 8-31-1917 m 9-21-1945 LUCIUS HOOVER Baton Rouge, La.
F James Berbin b 11-12-1946.
F Donna Dean b 4-18-1951.

D16 THEODOTIA DAVIS CHANDLER AND FAMILY

1st row: Theodotia and James S. Chandler. 2nd row: Ellazean C. Hoover, Daisy C. Hoover, Thomas William Chandler. 3rd row: Rev. James Ernest Chandler, Charles Alton Chandler.

D17 FLORENCE VICTORIA DAVIS EISWORTH

It is a coincidence that Florence's birthday is on April 15 and the author began her family's part of this book 76 years later on April 15, 1955. Her birth gave William his 17th and Mary Stanford Davis her 10th child and last girl baby to bring such joy and blessings to these parents born in this spring month 76 years ago when all nature bloomed anew - no wonder that she was named Florence.

She was fortunate in her marriage to William Justice Eisworth and they reared four children who have reflected credit upon the character and enterprise of their parents.

D17 FLORENCE V. D. EISWORTH (P 35) M. Ch. G. Ch.

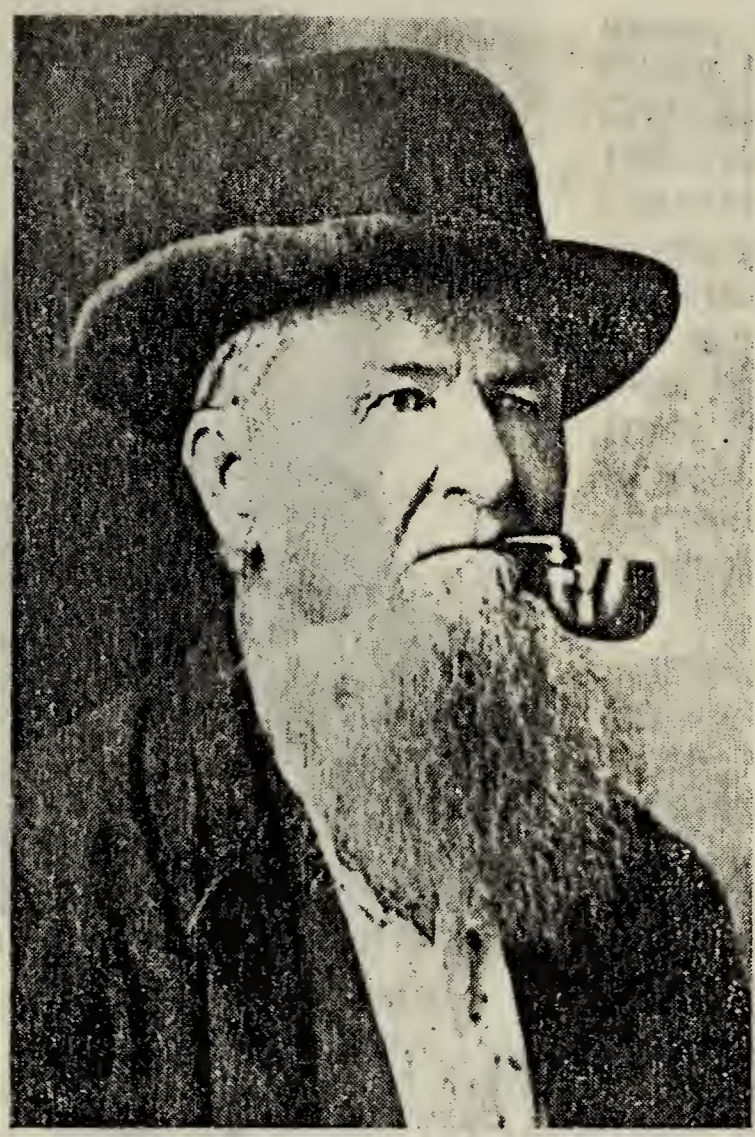
E **JESSE M. EISWORTH** h McComb b 10-27-1904 m 10-6-1925 EVELYN NEAMES
F Jesse Milton Jr. b 12-15-1927 m 6-4-1949 Peggy Magee (G's) Linda Sue b 9-7-1950, Sandra Marie b 10-18-1951, Jeffrey Milton b 1-29-1954.
F Warren Lamar b 12-12-1929 m 6-13-1953 Marie Lewman (G) Warren Lamar Jr. b 11-27-19—.
F Geraldine b 1-25-1932 m 11-10-1950 Dewitt McDaniel (G's) Ava Louise b 9-25-1951, Michael Gary b 5-26-1953.
E **MARGIE M. EISWORTH** b 10-25-1906 m 12-7-1926 EUGENE JAMES BUTLER h Greenwell Springs, La.
F Donald James b 10-13-1927 m 8-25-1946 Jeannette Lipscomb (G) Robert Eugene b 7-13-1947.
F Ethel Marie b 12-23-1930 m 11-20-1948 James C. Gaemillion (G's) Rebecca Ann b 9-8-1949, Donna Jean b 7-11-1951, Patti Jo b 5-7-1953.
F Malcolm b 7-18-1935
E **RAMIE WALTER EISWORTH** h Columbia b 4-30-1908 m 4-12-1944 MARION HUMPHRIES
F David William b 9-25-1945
F James Ashton b 6-2-1947
F Ramie Walter Jr. b 12-5-1949
E **GEORGE WASHINGTON EISWORTH** h Baton Rouge, La. b 2-22-1911 m 8-31-1932 MINETTE PERILLOUX
F Dorothy June b 9-13-1933
F Mary Ann b 2-18-1937
F George W. Jr. b 3-18-1942
F Cynthia Gail b 3-24-1948

D18 SAMUEL PEYTON DAVIS (P 35)

Samuel was the youngest of the remarkable family of eighteen children of William Davis whose last two were born in Louisiana. Samuel's marriage to Amanda Chandler in 1905 was the 3rd marriage link of these two fine families. Although their lives without children of their own was a contrast, their affections no doubt spread to their many nephews and nieces throughout Louisiana, Mississippi and the nation.

Samuel married 75 years after his father William (C) was born, 101 years after the birth of his grandfather James (B), and 133 years after his great grandfather Daniel (A) was born in North Carolina. In concluding this history of William's family it is fitting to recall that his grandfather Daniel Davis, our first known pioneer settler, also resided in Louisiana and Mississippi Territories before settling in Copiah County, Mississippi where William was born. It was there his father James married Elizabeth Worthy who had a brother named Peyton.

C2 DANIEL PEYTON DAVIS



DANIEL PEYTON DAVIS

EMMALINE LEE DAVIS

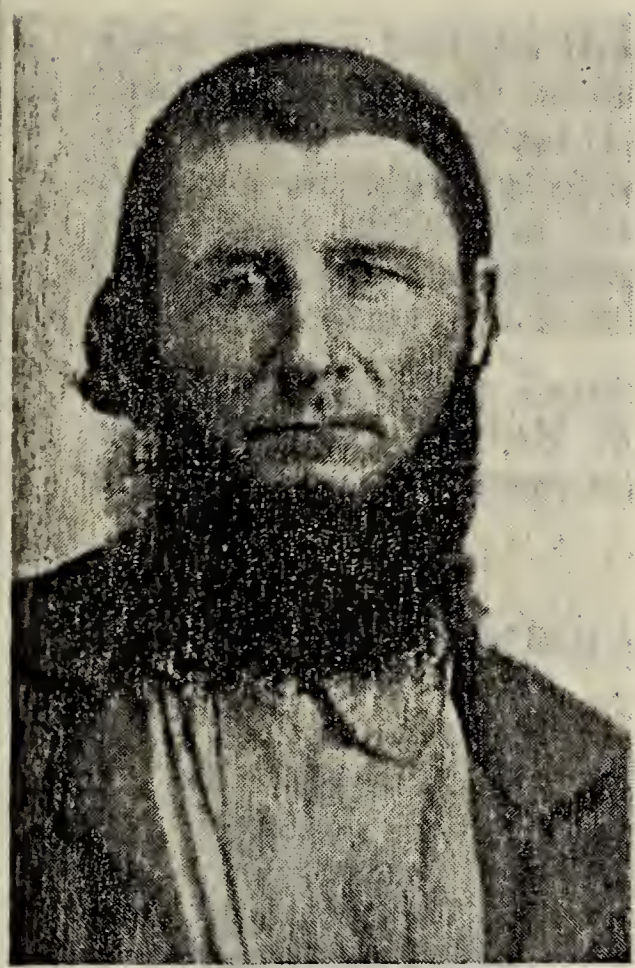
Daniel Peyton Davis was named for his Grandfather, Daniel Davis, and his uncle, Peyton Worthy. He has near 600 descendants listed in this book, who may be justly proud of him. He was sincere, keen of mind, strong in character, and quiet in manner with a gift of wit. He was a lovable personality who gained the respect of all who knew him.

Daniel was a very successful livestock grower and had exceptional business judgment. He knew how to make money, use it - and how to save it. His sheep and cattle holdings were large and they ranged for miles around his old homestead where he lived for 56 years.

Daniel was born and lived until he was 12 years old in Copiah County where his Grandfathers, Daniel Davis and John G. Worthy and his parents James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis were all neighbors until his father moved to Hancock County. He then lived 3 miles south of Caesar until he married at 19 years of age and moved to his old homestead. His land patent of May 20, 1862, signed by President Grover Cleveland, was filed in Pearl River County on October 9, 1907.

Daniel Peyton Davis married 18 year old Emmaline Lee. She was a devoted Christian mother who was praised by her nine sons and daughters throughout their lives for the fireside teachings and the principles that she instilled in them - four naming their daughters Emmaline. Her father was John Lee and her mother Cynthia Seal.

When Emmaline's 5th child was a baby, Daniel went into the uniform of the South for a period during the Civil war. We are indebted to faithful kin for preserving the soldier picture of this bearded youth of about 29. In later years when a grandson inquired of his branch of war service, his characteristic humor and forthrightness were given in his answer "mostly between Mill Creek and Dry Branch."



Daniel During Civil War

Grandpa Dan's keen knowledge of money matters are well known by his kin living throughout Pearl River and Stone Counties as he never lost money in bank failures so possible in his day. He made character loans and his ability to judge dependable people was remarkable for the records show that he assisted many of his kin and friends throughout that section with loans. An old livestock grower from Forrest County was loaned $1000.00 in gold. Later when he returned to pay in currency it was refused with "you got it in gold and I want it in gold."

When his wife died, he invited a son and family to live with him. A grandson, while playing, made a trench so rain water would run from the house eves to an old well opening, under the front porch. As the rain poured, Daniel sat cross legged with his feet over the bannister, smoking his pipe. Hearing an unusual noise of water trickling he leaned forward, removed his pipe from his mouth and said, "What's that"? When the grandson told him about the little water ditch to the old well, the grandfather moved promptly to lift a front porch board and retrive a half gallon jar of $20 gold pieces. When the boy later found another dusty jar like it, behind a board in the turkey house, his father intervened and his grandfather relied upon the banks thereafter. At the time of his death, a check several years old was found amounting to $6666.34. It was signed by Ran Batson in return for a loan. He remarked that Uncle Dan had more confidence in his signature than in the bank.

Daniel and Emmaline started their young lives together in that frontier day with but few needed tools. A broadaxe, drawing knife, grind stone, auger, and a mall—hammer and wedge to split rails for field fences pickets for the yard and shingles for the roof. With a rifle, a dog, pony and a cow to milk they were soon settled and ready for their first son a year following. Daniel was a "good shot" with his rifle and enjoyed fishing. By hard work, sound thinking, good planning and thriftiness they accumulated what would be a fortune today in comparative dollar values. Seven years after Emmaline's death and after he had retired, he at 78 left an estate in 1914 with cash assets of $33,000.00. His descendants today may well reflect these values, passed down to them through better homes, education, health and other blessings directly connected to the thrift and foresight of this grand couple.

Evidently their 9 children had "that something" worthy of relating for the benefit of any of their kin today who may study with greater appreciation the old time pictures. These are shown from D19 through D27. Their descendants can take great but humble pride in their outstanding public records of accomplishments. Each of these family groups have produced men and women whose records in the professions, agriculture, education and public service are unexcelled. They may be measured in progressive values beside any families anywhere under similar conditions.

Pictures of Daniel's grandchildren in those old family groups will show more college trained men and women and offspring whose children

were college trained than any similar family known to us in this area. Truly a remarkable record. From these humble farms and strong parents, one group of 8 reached the professions with four teachers and four doctors. A larger percentage, some college trained and some not, follow their fore-parents in successful livestock and farm operations. We have reasons to be proud men and women of character and dependability with thriftiness and progressive minds which we may, in turn, pass on to our own.

Grandfather Daniel died unexpectedly in the home of a granddaughter in Poplarville, July 13, 1914. He, his wife and most of his children are buried in his old homestead family cemetery.

A SYMBOLIC PICTURE OF DANIEL'S DAYS

Indians followed animal paths to make trails that guided our first Daniel Davis and his young son, James, when they first came to the Mississippi Territory to settle. They helped other pioneers blaze new trails through virgin forests to trading centers many miles apart and usually along rivers. Their grandson and son, Daniel, followed these roads with 6 and 8 yoke ox teams to market his produce. These slow moving teams gave way to mules and horses with time, just as the horse is near vanished in 1955, giving way to cars, trucks and tractors.

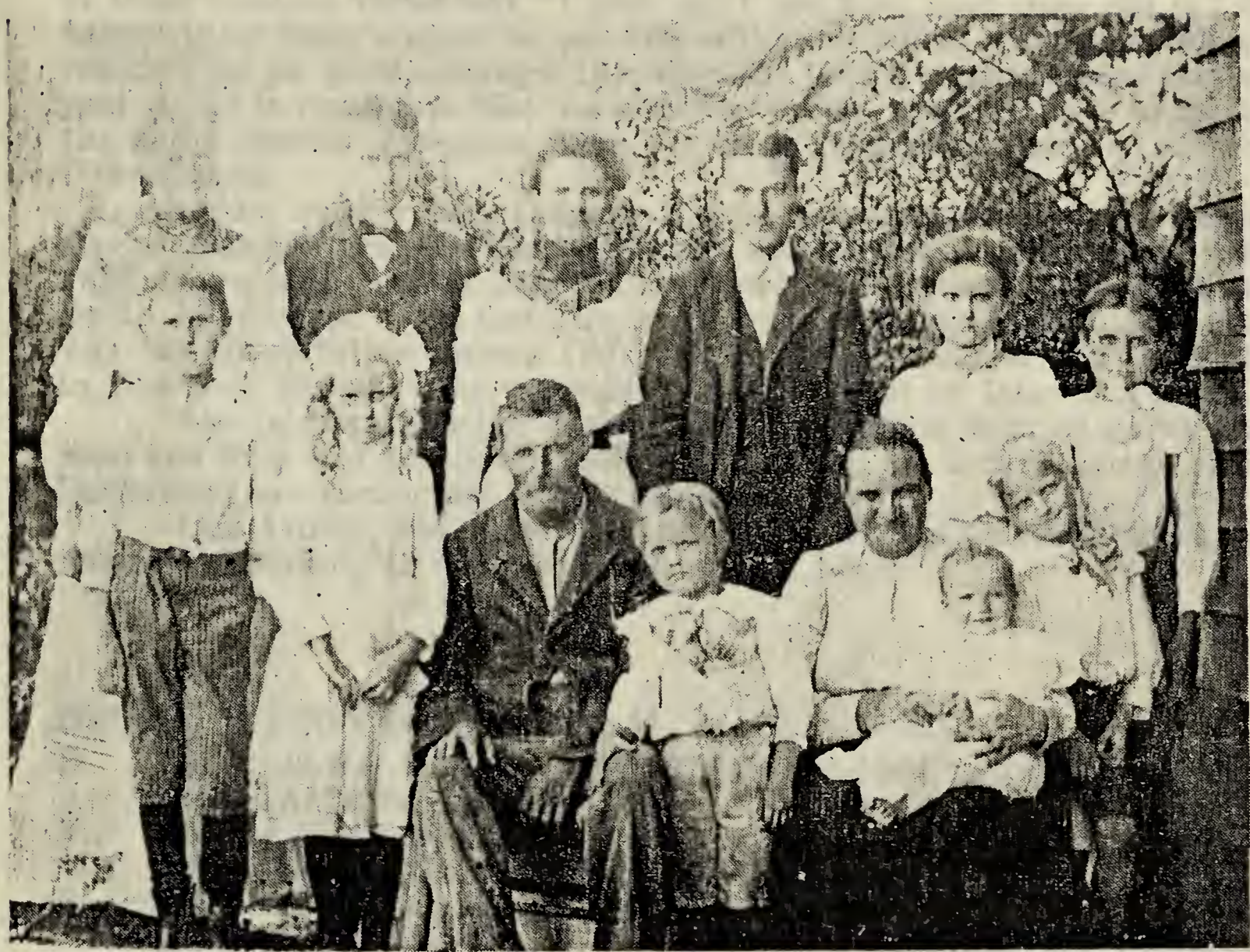
A progressive man with a good horse and buggy was recognized in grandfather Daniel Davis' day.

C2 DANIEL PEYTON DAVIS (Page 26) M. Ch. G. Ch.

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	No. Ch.
D19	ELI PEYTON DAVIS	7-29-1852	1-5-1923	11
	m 10-1-1874 h Lumberton Pages 58 to 61			
E	ALZADA DAVIS	3- 6-1861	2- 4-1927	11
E	Lucye Jane	10-2-1876	4-30-1944	3
E	Mary Almena	10-5-1879		1
E	Guy Fletcher	1- 4-1883		8
E	James Martin	6- 4-1886	12-11-1950	
E	Margaret Emmaline	7-27-1888		
E	Ottis Andrew	4-29-1890		4
E	Joe Russell	4-10-1892		6
E	Missouri Alice	3-18-1894		4
E	Albert Sylvester	1- 8-1896		3
E	Harry Lavander	2-29-1898		3
E	Julius Hall	6-29-1901		7
D20	RICHARD NIXON DAVIS	1-31-1856	11- 2-1927	13
	1st m 10-21-1875 h Perkinston Pages 62-68			
	MARY JANE WHEAT	5-19-1859	10-27-1885	5
E	Lewis William	10-10-1876		8
E	Emmaline Missouri	9-21-1879	6-19-1920	6
E	Daniel Jefferson	3-14-1880		9
E	John Bingley	11-14-1882	3-17-1950	8
E	Robert Ernest	12- 3-1883	7-17-1907	
	2nd m 10-27-1886 h Perkinston, Page			
	JERUSHA R. PERKINS	12-21-1864	11-27-1932	8
E	Thomas David	8-30-1887	10-28-1955	4
E	Eva Jane	1- 1-1889		1
E	Lena Elizabeth	5-18-1890		2
E	Searcy Henry	4- 7-1892		
E	Sheeley Archie	6- 6-1896	5- 6-1897	
E	Jennie Lola	3-19-1899	1- 6-1900	
E	James Lolie	3-19-1899		1
E	Noll Perkins	10-15-1900		5
D21	SARAH JANE DAVIS	12- 5-1957	11- 5-1910	3
	m 10-15-18...., h Perkinston Pages 69-71			
	DANIEL WEBSTER PRICEI	1-29-1855	8- 4-1939	3
E	Daniel Jefferson	8-11-1875	10- 6-1931	9
E	Emaline Ginno	1-10-1879	5-25-1940	11
E	Amanda Maria	1-23-1882	10-18-1952	5
D22	N. MISSOURI DAVIS	12- 7-1858	11-15-1939	8
	m 11-17-1879 h Lumberton Pages 71-72			
	SALOMON LADNER	12-17-1856	8-28-1914	8
E	Porter	2-11-1881	4-22-1953	2
E	Dena	12- 3-1882	12-27-1931	
E	Frances	2-10-1884		1
E	Pearl	6-29-1885		2
E	Boyd	4-16-1887	6-11-1914	
E	Rose			7
E	Grace	5-25-1893	3-20-1927	1
E	Jessie	9-29-1897		1

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	No. Ch.
D23	LOUIS PORTER DAVIS	3-31-1860	3-30-1908	8
	12-22-1881 h Lumberton	Pages 73-77		
	ELIZABETH LOTT	4-27-1862	1-28-1937	8
E	Elinor	3- 4-1883	11- -1947	6
E	Martin Luther	3-25-1885		1
E	Lillian Aminda	4-18-1887		5
E	Floy Alice	8-22-1889	11-10-1955	
E	Russell Byron	3-21-1892		1
E	John Presston	9-22-1895		3
E	Nellie Eunice	9-17-1899		2
E	Donovan F.	5- 1-1903		2
D24	D. BINGLEY DAVIS	4-13-1862	12-14-1912	11
	m1-11-1888 h Lumberton	Pages 75-77		
	SABRA ISABEL CARTER	7- 4-1872	12- 9-1935	11
E	Etta	12-29-1888		2
E	Beulah	4-16-1890		6
E	Louis	3-18-1892		2
E	Lillie	2-28-1894		2
E	Otho	5-19-1895		4
E	Nettie	10-14-1897		5
E	Nora	1-21-1900		
E	Theodore R.	4-10-1902		4
E	Maggie Mae	11-12-1904		4
E	Isabell	1- 2-1908		3
E	Oxie Alma	1-13-1909		
D25	FRANCES DAVIS	2-12-1864	7-11-1929	7
	m 1-1-1885 h Hattiesburg	Pages 77-78		
	RANKIN DAVIS BATSON	11-22-1861	3-13-1947	7
E	Stella Leona	11-16-1885		2
E	Thaddeaus Oran	9-28-1888	12-21-1946	3
E	Buford Alvanus	6- 6-1891	11-18-1947	3
E	Ruby Elizabeth	1- 8-1893	3-26-1947	1
E	Lucius Lexo	1-19-1897	8-13-1899	
E	Bernice Selma	12- 6-1899		
E	Clifton Wyckliff	7- 4-1903		2
D26	Unmarried			
D27	MARY ALICE DAVIS	12-10-1875	7-29-1950	8
	m12-1-1898 h Perkinston	Page 79		
	EUGENE J. BROADUS	9-21-1877	9-10-1943	8
E	Theron Albert	9- 9-1899	3- 7-1948	3
E	Thornton J.	7-12-1901		
E	Trenton C.	12-20-1903	11- 2-1908	
E	Travis Davis	9-10-1906		3
E	Elsie Emaline	2-20-1909		
E	Thurman F.	1-31-1911	1-26-1936	
E	Elvie Gertrude	1-26-1913		2
E	Talmadge H.	10-29-1918		

ELI PELTON DAVIS FAMILY



Left to right, back row: Almena, Martin, Lucye, Guy, Maggie, Ottis. Front row: Joe, Missouri Alice, Father, Harry, Mother holding Julius, Albert.

D19 ELI PEYTON DAVIS

This first son of Daniel Peyton and Emmaline Lee Davis was the first of 77 grandchildren of James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis. He, like his father was named for his grandmother's brother Peyton Worthy. Eli Peyton was born a year and five days after his parents married and was nine years old at the beginning of the Civil War.

In later life he and Alzada were known affectionately as "Uncle Pate" and "Aunt Zada" by so many who knew them well and loved them dearly.

Like his thrifty father before him, Peyton Davis preferred the soil, sheep and cattle for a livelihood and he provided well for his family.

He and his wife had little educational advantages and learned most of their ways of life from their fine parents to make a good living and progressive citizens.

Like so many offsprings of Daniel Peyton Davis they strived successfully to give their eleven children every educational opportunity and many of them finished college and followed the professions for a few years. It is worthwhile to note here that we will find the Davis-Worthy blood lines standing out progressively with a good percentage of educated and thrifty children—although most prefer farming and livestock production, like this family and their ancestors before them.

Trying to vision Alzada and Peyton as a young couple starting out in life with 1874 conditions—raising and educating a large family—one

of their children remarked, "I just can't see now how they did it." Certainly their lives should be an inspiration to all of their blood-line to realize that by work, courage, thinking and thrifty management the main goal of life is reachable. May we of today utilize what we have to measure the same degree of success from the basic foundation laid by our great fore-parents.

Alzada's mother was Delphia Batson and her father was Benjamin Davis. Alzada's grandfather "Big Jim" and Peyton's grandfather (1804-1892) were both named James Davis and each raised large families in South Mississippi. The histories of Peyton's Great Grandfather Daniel (A) his Grandfather James (B) and his Father Daniel (C2) are given in this book and show no traceable kinship except by later marriages.

Alzada's Grandfather James "Big Jim" Davis married Sarah Swetman and they had 8 children. Some of the familiar family names of both Davis lines are recognized in this family.

This family, like others of the Daniel Peyton Davis families, have helped measurably in the production of this book.

D19 ELI PEYTON DAVIS (Page 56) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **LUCY JANE DAVIS** b 10-2-1878 d 4-30-1944 m 1909, CLAUDE L. WILLIAMSON, h Lumberton.

F Claudie Mae b 6-22-1910 d 12-6-1951 m June 1926, Jesse Williamson, h Lumberton (G) Johnny Claude b 6-8-1935.

F John Ray, h Lumberton b 9-28-1912 m 9-13-1933, Valeria Ladner b 2-21-1917, (G's) Charles Lorenza b 1-11-1935, Eula Mae b 4-10-1937, Donald Ray b 2-25-1947.

F D. P. b 1-25-1914 m Oct. 1939, Anna Bell Davis, h Lumberton.

E **MARY ALMENA DAVIS,** h Lumberton b 10-5-1879 m Jan. 1906, VOLNEY WYRES.

F Archie Volney b 5-12-1908 d 10-10-1930.

E **GUY FLETCHER DAVIS** b 1-4-1883 m July 1908, LILLIE CORAN BOUNDS, h Lumberton.

F A. C. h Lumberton b 8-22-1911 m 6-3-1944, Thelma (Ladner) Lee, (G's) Patricia Ann b 8-23-1939, Daniel Porter b 9-16-1946.

F Iva Maggie b 3-9-1913 m 12-2-1933, Edgar Elmo Seal, h Lumberton. (G's) Clinton Edgar b 9-1-1934, Iris Lorraine b 1-15-1936, Gerraline b 6-28-1937, Shelton Royce b 6-26-1940, Joe Rankin b 11-14-1941.

F Lloyd Lavender, h Lumberton b 11-9-1914 m 6-15-1935, Ethel Beall. (G) L. M. b 10-2-1938.

F Oba Benton b 3-18-1916.

F Alzada Rupene b 11-11-1917 m 4-11-1936, Marvin Beall b 7-2-1912, (G's) Lela Kathleen b 4-21-1941, Janis Carolyn b 6-2-1943.

F Marvis Marie b 2-25-1920 m June 1949, Lawrence F. Ladner.

F Iris Vondell b 12-17-1923.

F Bettie Jean b 11-14-1931.

E **JAMES MARTIN DAVIS** b 8-4-1886 d 12-11-1950 m 6-5-1920 BETTIE TODD FREEMAN, h Lumberton.

E **MARGARET EMMALINE DAVIS** b 7-27-1888 1st m. 8-6-1926 BRADLEY BEALL b 12-22-1878 d 11-7-1930 2nd m. 2-14-1933 T. S. LEWIS, h Lumberton

E **OTTIS ANDREW DAVIS** b 4-29-1890 m 6-19-1919 IDA MAE LANGFORD b 5-13-1894, h Lumberton.
F Neal Shelby b 4-16-1920.
F Helen Fae b 2-6-1922.
F Lillian Elizabeth b 9-8-1925 m 6-19-1947 Ernest Holcomb, h Waynesboro. (G's) Michael Wayne b 8-23-1948, Daniel Brent b 2-17-1950, Paula Ann b 12-1-1951, Jerry Allen b 5-1-1954.
F Dorothy Doris b 1-27-1927.

E **JOE RUSSELL DAVIS** b 4-10-1892 m 8-16-1917 EVA LANCASTER h Lumberton.
F Glen Leroy, h Hampton, Va., b 12-26-1921 m 3-17-1944 Clara Messick (G's) Joe b 9-21-1946, Jesse b 8-1-1950.
F Imogene b 12-31-1923 m William D. Brown b 2-12-1920 h Denton, Tex. (G's) James Curtis b 12-2-1947, Katherin Jene b 4-4-1949.
F James Donovan, h Lumberton, b 3-17-1928 m 5-1-1950 Delores Doughdrill b 11-14-1932 (G) Debra Kay b 3-27-1954.
F Frances b 2-17-1931 m 9-3-1949 Braxton Davis (G) Judith Karen b 2-16-1953.
F Lois Lanell b 5-14-1936 m 8-17-1955 Charles E. McVay.
F Eva Jo b 9-17-1939.

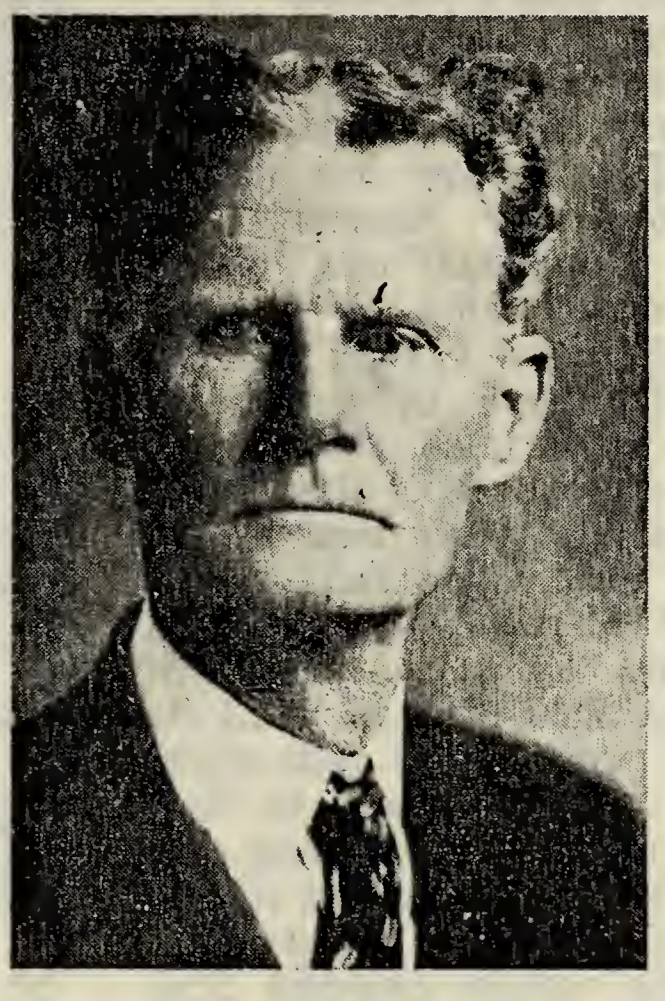
E **MISSOURI ALICE DAVIS** b 3-18-1894 m 10-24-1920 V. O. SMITH b 6-28-1894, h Lumberton.
F Margaret Lareda b 12-17-1923 m H. D. Smith (G) Candace b 6-17-1947.
F Denerg Martin b 4-6-1927.
F Vanell b 2-14-1933.
F James Buchanan b 8-8-1935.

E **ALBERT SYLVESTER DAVIS** b 1-8-1896 m 11-1-1924 VIRGIE SMITH, h Lumberton.
F Marvin Albert b 2-25-1926.
F Jesse Keith b 1-8-1930 m 1955 Marguerite A. Cobb b 10-31-1935, h Lumberton.
F Guy Wayne b 1-26-1935.
F Virgie Nell b 1-28-1939 (adopted.)

E **HARRY LAVANDER DAVIS** b 2-29-1898 m 6-16-1933. ALLEYNE LANIER b 8-1-1906 d 5-20-1952, h Lumberton.
F Harold Laird (Larry) b 5-31-1934, h Lumberton.
F Zada Louise b 8-13-1935 m Nov. 1953 Charles Dearman b 9-23-1932.
F Gladys Nell b 7-22-1941.

E **JULIUS HALL DAVIS** b 6-29-1901 m 7-25-1925 LENORA LEE, h Lumberton.
F Samuel Gale b 7-21-1926.
F Cora Pattie b 9-17-1928 m 4-29-1944 Preston Ladner.
F Harry Jack b 1-26-1929.
F Verma Jo b 4-24-1934 m 5-1-1949 James Eaton.
F Julius Payton b 2-23-1937.
F Billy Robert b 6-7-1938.
F Donald Heyward b 10-12-1945.

D20 RICHARD NIXON DAVIS

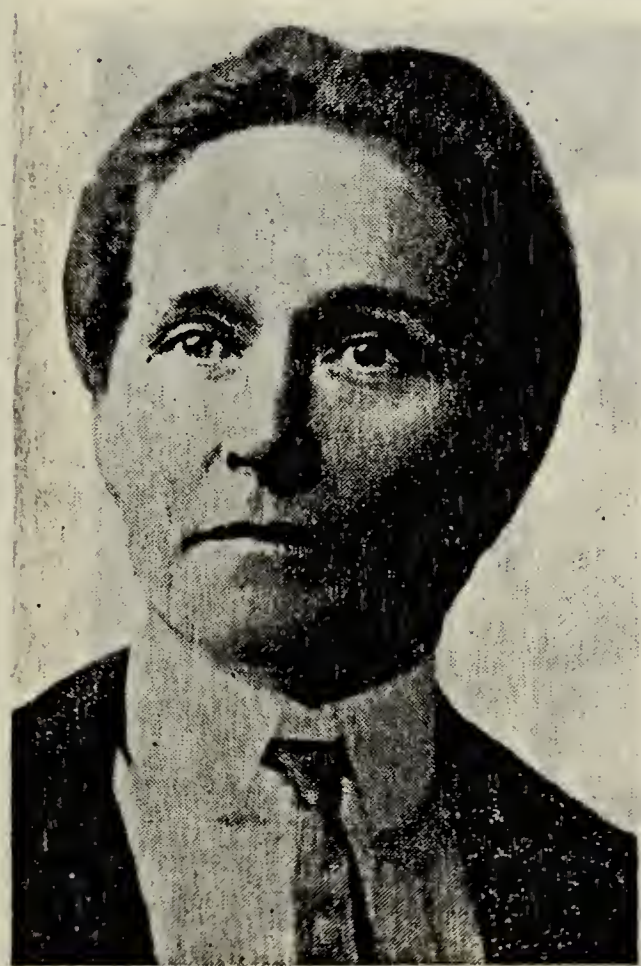


Richard Nixon Davis was one of 77 of this age group of first cousins recorded in this book. Obviously time, space and the lack of knowledge does not permit a full history of each individual. However, their lives in this section were so parallel during the reconstruction period and their family, religious and educational activities were very much related. With the same strength of character demonstrated in various ways the actual known facts related here would apply for the most part to all of them. Each contributed, with the aid of loyal wives and mothers, so greatly to the lives of so many.

This son of Daniel was a Baptist Minister for some forty years and held the faith and confidence of his people wherever he served. He was called "Preacher" by many and was "Uncle Nick" to his loved ones and friends as he mellowed with time to be the wise counsellor of all who knew him. His faith in God was unbounded and his feel for people radiated to a mutual confidence. He was the type man that men and women trusted on first acquaintance and this quality surrounded his life with loving friends and kin. His influence for right and all the beauty in God's plans and nature's ways extends to us today. While he held steadfastly to his faith and all that was right he was very human and tolerant. He laughed well at a good story. He was stern, yet held such a close communion and mutual love with his children and grandchildren that all worshipped him. He was blessed with a good personality for his calling; tall, erect even at 72, well proportioned with reddish complexion and curley red hair—a strong base-like voice—he preached what he believed and lived what he preached.

He also loved his farm and livestock and taught his children the value and dignity of honest toil. Although thrifty, his mind was not turned to business but his whole life and earnings were devoted to building churches, schools, colleges and all such progressive movements that laid foundations for so much that is useful and enjoyed by so many today. He never sought prominence but did serve one term in the Mississippi House of Representatives in his later years.

First Wife
Mary Jane Wheat



Second Wife
Jerusha R. Perkins

Richard Nixon Davis shared life's joys and sorrows. He lost his first wife, Mary Jane Wheat, in 1885 when they had five young children. Here the well known loyalty and love of the Davis families and their friends was characterized when "Nick" was faced with trials. His oldest child "Will" who is to be 80 in Oct. 1956 writes "I lived with Uncle Port, Emma with Grandpa, Dan with Aunt Missouri, Bing with Aunt Jane and Robert, the baby, with Tom Galman." It is good to reflect upon the ties that bind.

That spirit was kept alive by his next wife, Jerusha Perkins, who became the mother of 8 and blended the lives of all 13 of his children with a fine kindred spirit that lives today. This mother gave well of her life with unmatched devotion and faithfulness to the man she loved, his calling, and their large family. She was strong in body, and a highly efficient, tireless worker who could challenge all around her to match her working ability. This kind of support for a preacher was a pattern for the wives and children in those earlier days.

The following history and similar occurances can be revealed by most readers over 50 years old and living witnesses in 1955 can verify these actual occurances.

South Mississippi and Louisiana had, at the peak of the horse and buggy days, thousands of miles of the last virgin pine timber. Following the construction of rail-roads, the country was soon dotted with saw mills and river rafting was no more. This vast lumber industry attracted people of every class and small settlements were soon over run. Peaceful communities and the old families found themselves now among drifters, law evaders and bad men. The drift toward lawlessness was everywhere with drunkeness on "blind-tiger" whiskey and the sight of loose women, fights and killings were common on Saturday nights and pay days. Rowdies for miles around saddled up, loaded pistols and rode the country-side on these nights to drink, shoot, yell, fight and disturb neighborhoods—sometimes challenged—often one bunch shooting it out or knifing each other.

People of the churches were the forefront in preserving decency, law and order in their community and the preacher's duties and burdens were many fold. Preacher Davis assumed this leadership and forced the hands

of such lawless elements by day or by night, sometimes alone and often hearing bullets zing near by. On one occasion, a nervy huskey was "stimulated" enough to challenge the preacher at his home. He was met at the door with a request to move on, which he disregarded. Then he cursed and pushed a six foot, red headed preacher who exploded with big fists that landed well to knock the tresspasser down and out. Behind him was a strong, loyal wife with a heavy "cow bottom" chair, drawn for any necessary action.

The loss of his well loved son, Robert, who was a casualty of these times, revealed another side of this grief-stricken father. When an aroused citizenship from the country-side gathered with determination for revenge, he took a firm, calm stand to "let the law take it's course" and his wishes were respected. His children are grateful for his courageous stand and wise coucil in that crucial period of their lives. Time has judged him well.

As conditions changed, railroads, "dummy lines", automobiles, public roads and better schools became a reality through the years. In the sunset years of his life he was able to enjoy peaceful living with his children and friends and he saw the growth of high schools, Junior colleges and churches he helped to build. We are grateful for the example of such forefathers and their influence on our lives and those who follow.

RICHARD NIXON DAVIS FAMILY

Taken about 1948. Names left to right. First row: Noll, Jim, S. H. "Doc" Second Row: Lena, Eva, T. D. "Mac". Third Row: (Insert) Emma, Bing, Dan and Will.

D20 RICHARD NIXON DAVIS (page 57) M. Ch., G. Ch., G. G. Ch.
NOTE—See D74 for double relationship of these first four E families.

E **LEWIS WILLIAM DAVIS** h Hattiesburg b 10-10-1876 1st m 3-1-1898 EMMA V. CRUTHIRDS b 4-22-1876 d 6-20-1913

F Ezra H. b 1-5-1899 d 6-11-1923

F Aubrey O. h Pensacola, Fla. b 12-10-1900 m 8-13-1937 Grace Wilma Hopkins b 8-23-1902 (G's) Charles William b 2-4-1939, Margaret Lyndall b 8-20-1940

F Leslie Robert b 6-30-1902 d 4-11-1954 1st m 1921 Josey Longuitis (G's) Louis Joeless, Merced, Calif. b 12-18-1923 m LaVerne Jones b 11-22-1925 (H's) Kara Fay b 12-13-1945, June Laverne b 6-29-1947, Ginger Anne b 12-5-1948, Becky Lou b 7-11-1950, Lew William b 1-7-1954; (G) Robert; (G) John Nixon b 2-22-1931 m Betty LaDuke b 10-22-1932 (H's) Gary Biff b 3-15-1954, Ricky Alan b 3-22-1956. 2nd m Doris Creamer.

F Sheeley Hall h. Pittsburg, Calif. b 1-19-1904 m 8-7-1930 Irene Iris Dorman (G's) Ruby Lou b 3-7-1932 m Perry Smith h Pittsburg, Calif. (H) Vickie Jean b 2-7-1951, Mary Ellen b 8-14-1952 (G) Norma Jean b 7-11-1933 m Pete Berschini h Concord, Calif.

F Arsinie Nixon h Wiggins b 11-19-1905 m 12-20-1935 Viva Louise Riley b 6-4-1909 (G) Alma Jill b 10-19-1942

F Ruby Lou b 11-26-1907 d 1-13-1918

F William Glenn h Des Moines, Iowa b 1-1-1909 m 12-29-1937 Mary Frances Whitney (G's) Julie Anne b 6-21-1942, Thomas Whitney b 5-20-1945

F John Bunyon h Merced, Calif. b 8-7-1912 1st m 1933 Virginia Lucille Simpson, 2nd m 1938 E. Minerva Slafter (G's) Beverly Jean b 8-11-1939, Dexter Lee b 8-1-1941, Harrison Lowell, b 4-24-1943 d 1-21-1944. 3rd m 1-31-1948 Cora Pearl Thorne.

2nd m 8-6-1914 LELA DENSON d 12-28-1934 3rd. m 9-5-1936 MRS. JESSIE DAVIS ARRINGTON, h 210 W. 7th St. Hattiesburg

E **EMMALINE MISSOURI DAVIS** b 9-21-1879 d 6-19-1920 m 3-14-1897 WALTER MONROE DAVIS b 3-22-1872 d 12-22-1848 h Perkinston

F Walter Merritt h Slidell, La. b 3-19-1898 m Ann Vial (G's) Walter M. III. b 8-6-1926, m 5-31-1952 Marylyn Lee Searcy, Wanda Gloria b 2-7-1929 1st m 7-18-1947 Harold W. Dubourg (H) Donnis Walter b 9-8-1948 2nd m 5-19-1951 Regis John Ferrie (H) Regis George b 5-19-1952

F Charles Otis b 7-11-1900 d 7-11-1955

F Vivian E b 6-25-1902 m Walter E. Bornemann h New Orleans, La.

F Hubert Alton b 10-22-1904 d 4-12-1955 m Jean Foxworth (G) Mary Jean (adopted) h Slidell, La.

F Hazel Lena b 4-12-1907 m 12-7-1929 Thomas R. Wells h San Francisco, Calif. (G) Tommy (adopted) 2-20-1934

F Richard Harold b 8-20-1917 d 3-4-1933

2nd m OLIVE EVANS b 11-21-1872 d 10-19-1942, 3rd m ELLIE TAYLOR

E DANIEL JEFFERSON DAVIS b 3-14-1880 m 4-4-1901 EMMA ALICE BRELAND b 8-12-1881 h Perkinston.

F Ida Jeanette b 3-1-1902 m 3-9-1924 Dozier W. Williams h Perkinston b 11-17-1903 (G's) Myrtis Laverne b 1-28-1935, Raymond Wallace b 3-25-1936, Bobbye Faye (adopted) b 10-18-1926 m 8-28-1950 Leroy C. Alexander h Wiggins (H) Leroy Carson Jr. b 10-15-1951.

F Luther R. b 5-13-1903 d 5-29-1947 m Mollie Ladner
F Singleton Robert h Perkinston b 5-31-1904 m 6-6-1925 Bertie Mae Lott b. 7-24-1903. (G's) Billie Ruth b 4-24-1926 m 2-1-1947 Roy T. O'Bryant h Pascagoula b 11-27-1923 (H) Roy T. Jr. b 2-22-1948, Sherie Ruth b 5-6-1950 Robert Shelton 4-17-1956 (G) Annette Myrl Davis b 8-27-1930 m 3-3-1951 James M. Glenn b 11-15-1928 (H's) Teresa Ann b 8-29-1952, Timothy James b 11-1-1954, Diane Marie b 2-23-1956. (G's) Shirley Rose h Perkinston b 12-11-1934, Mary Alice b 1-29-1940
F Ada Elta b 8-15-1905 m 11-15-1924 Griffin A. Bond h Perkinston b 5-25-1906 (G) Guy A. b 9-21-1927 m 8-15-1953 Lorene Breland b 9-13-1936 (H) Karen Elaine b 10-24-1955
F Lois Elna h Richmond, Calif. b 12-26-1906 m 9-9-1925 Robert Lyons b 7-1-1901 (G's) Kathleen b 10-12-1927 m 3-31-1945 Robert Benjamin 9-16-1925 (H's) Linda Kay b 10-4-1949, Susan Marie b 1-3-1952. (G) Ellis b 8-27-1929 m 10-19-1946 Marie Turner b 7-28-1928 (H's) Larry b 5-31-1948, Lussell b 7-8-1950 (G) William b 3-2-1932 m 6-21-1950 Helen Hartfield b 8-17-1932 (H's) Deborah Nell b 7-25-1952, Brenda Joyce b 9-10-1953, William David b 12-26-1954, (G) Nell b 2-2-1934 m Bob Burkhart (H's) Diane Susan b 3-30-1953, Dale Karin b 4-30-1954.
F William Oyt h Perkinston b 8-9-1912 m 6-3-1933 Laura Lucile Alexander b 4-10-1915 (G's) Willie Gene b 3-6-1934, Gerald Dean b 1-12-1939, d 12-21-1939, Bettye Joyce b 12-3-1940, Brenda Mae b 4-15-1943, Edith Marie b 5-22-1945.
F B. P. b 9-7-1916 d 2-1-1935.
F Ruby Lee b 12-12-1924 d 12-12-1924.
F John Cliford b 9-10-1926 d 6-17-1944
E **JOHN BINGLEY DAVIS** b 11-14-1882 d 3-17-1950 m MINNIE DAVIS h Ponchatoula, La.
F Aura b 12-24-1901 m 5-11-1931 Edward Ridgdell
F Angus b 6-16-1904 m 2-6-1926 Nancy Dedeaux
F Leta b 5-23-1906 d 2-17-1929 m 12-30-1925 John McLemore
F Irene b 10-1-1910 m 4-28-1934 Loren Saucier
F C. P. b 1-18-1912 d 10-2-1923
F Erraïl b 6-1-1914 d 7-3-1931
F Estell b 11-13-1918 m 4-1-1939 N. Barnes h Ponchatoula, La.
F Annal Myrl b 12-2-1922 m 8-24-1940 Robert Armstrong h Ponchatoula, La.

THOMAS DAVID DAVIS

We feel that all readers of this book will be forever grateful to T. D. even though his death did not allow him to completely finish it as he desired.

T. D. loved his people and friends with great depth. No man could have been more proud of a mother and father or more appreciative of their contributions to him and their other children. He was a most devoted husband and father who carefully watched every achievement of his three fine children from childhood throughout maturity, with pride and satisfaction.

T. D. was known best for his great spirit — a spirit that flamed behind every determined goal in his life - one that inspired the faltering minds of others to lay this book in your hands.

Following his college days at Valpariso and Tulane Universities, it is fitting to place his birth and early life in Pearl River County where he stood first in the promotion and development of consolidated schools in

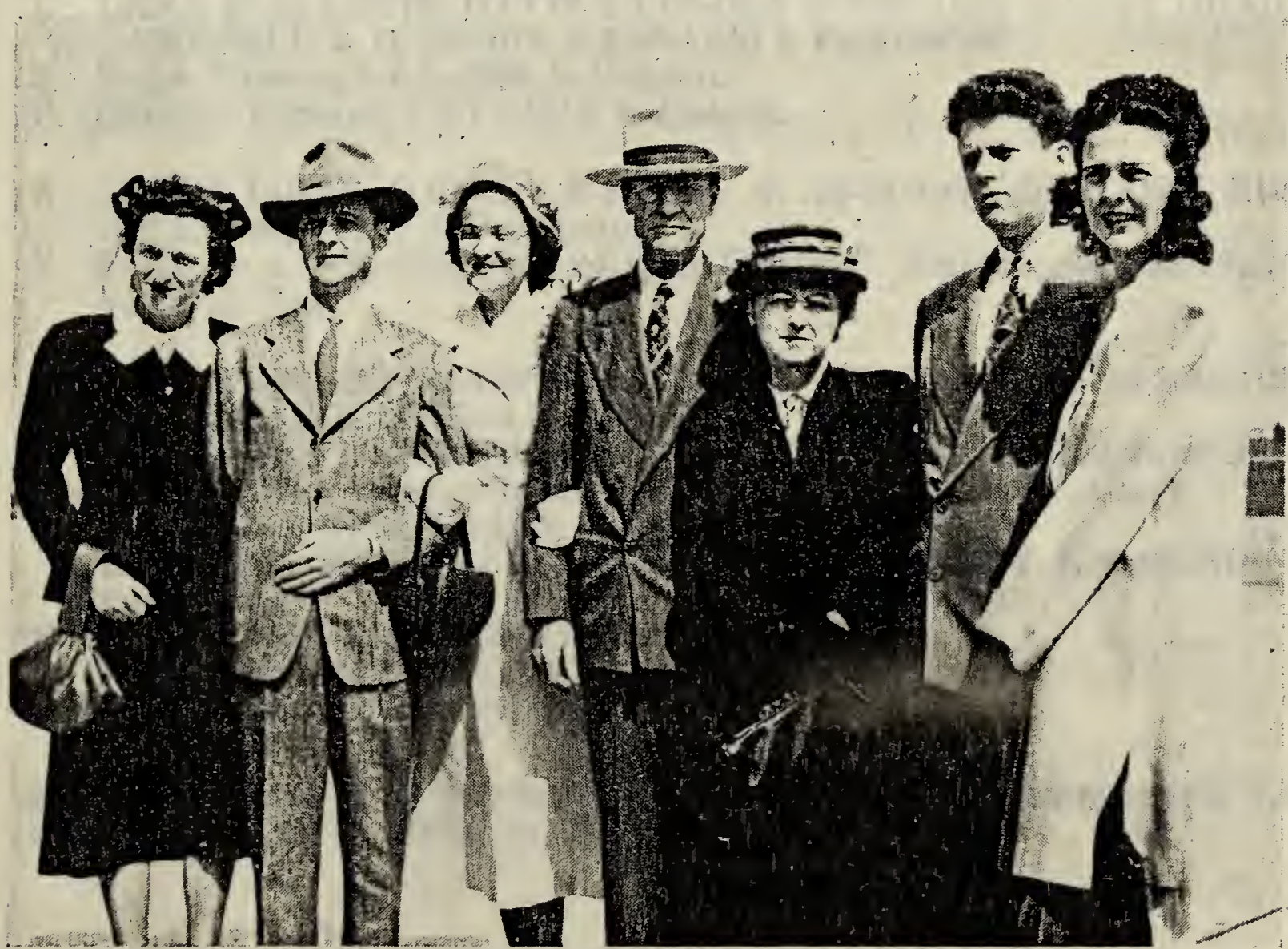
the section of his foreparents. He, also, was a respected pioneer. From there to the "Big Level" Consolidated School in Stone County in 1914 he grouped such teachers and along with his dynamic personality the school was acclaimed "the best school we ever had" by school patrons and students for the rest of his life.

He progressed in school activities at D'Lo when it was a thriving saw-mill town. He then ventured into the field of Insurance, beginning at Hattiesburg where his enormous energy soon placed him in executive positions with headquarters in Jackson, Miss. Here he was to become a leader in civic, church, business and social life of Jackson where he reared and educated his three admirable children to maturity.

Always interested in political activities and a close student of history and government he was acclaimed in many political alliances as "the best campaign organizer in the state". In this field, he served as manager, speaker or assistant in the elections of Senators Harrison, Stevens, and Governors Conner, Johnson and Bailey. He served the State Tax Commission under Hon. Alf Stone and later with the U. S. Internal Revenue Service but his fuller capacity was realized with the Federal Housing Administration.

The challenging field of the pioneer State-wide BAWI Development program gave T. D.'s industrious mind an opportunity for greater service to Mississippi. As Associate Director, he sponsored and directed compilation of the book published by this state organization titled "Mississippi - America's State of Opportunity" which has helped develop the State industrially through the years.

T. D. DAVIS FAMILY GROUP



Left to right: Lola, Mendell and wife, T. D. and wife, Charles Horner and wife.

Before his health began to fail, it is just as fitting that his last public position as an executive officer was with the pioneering REA - embracing the Pearl River Valley Association, the area long before settled by his foreparents.

He was buried in Perkinston, Mississippi, the town first settled by his Grandfather John Perkins.

D20 RICHARD NIXON DAVIS (page 57) M. Ch. G. Ch. G. G. Ch.

E **THOMAS DAVID DAVIS** b 8-30-1887 d 10-28-1955 m 2-22-1913 LILLIAN JANET MATHESON b 1-4-1887 h Greenville, S. C. 135 Rockwood Drive,
F T. D. Jr. b 12-27-1913 d 6-26-1914.
F Mendell McLillian b 10-20-1915 m 4-9-1948 Mary Lois Taylor b 3-22-1924 h 438 Pine Ridge Road, Jackson.
F Jessie Lola b 7-10-1917 h 135 Rockwood Drive, Greenville, S. C.
F Eva Lois b 3-9-1922 m 11-20-1945 Charles W. Horner b 6-4-1912 (G's) Janet Olivia b 9-30-1948, Davis Warren b 11-22-1951 h 4044 Oaklawn Drive, Jackson, Miss.

E **EVA JANE DAVIS** b 1-1-1889 m 12-23-1911 BARNEY WHITFIELD b 1-13-1888 h Picayune.
F Kenneth Ross Whitfield h Bay St. Louis b 9-29-1921 (adopted) m 9-14-1947 Maurin Jones b 3-1-1922 (G's) Ross Elliott b 6-22-1948, Monica Jean b 12-19-1949, John Scott b 3-2-1951.

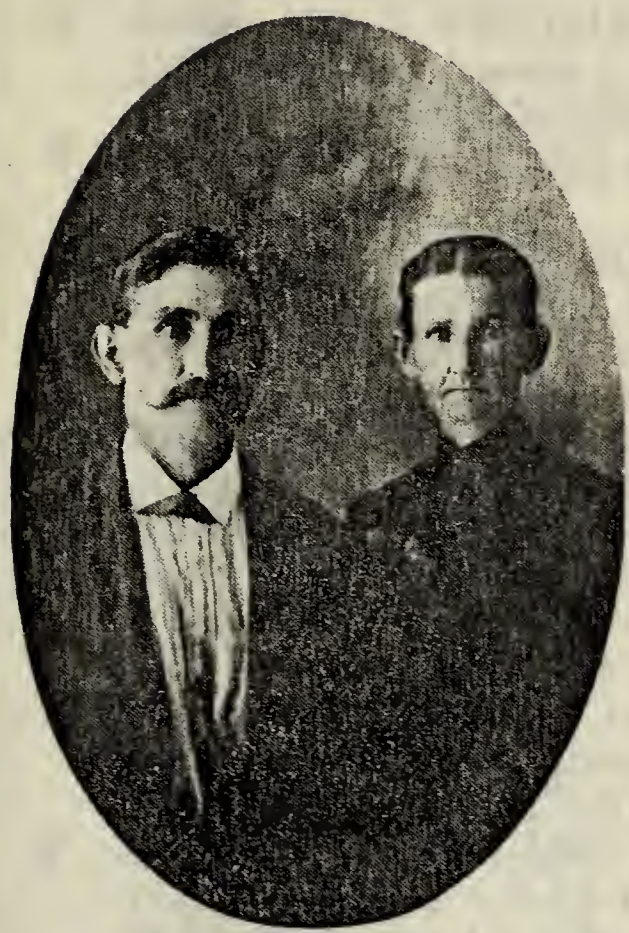
E **LENA ELIZABETH DAVIS** b 5-18-1890 m 5-27-1906 HARRY GRADY CAMPBELL b 11-19-1877 d 3-30-1940 h Perkinston.
F Ralph Winston b 5-6-1908 h Jackson.
F Dorothy Ethelyn b 9-14-1914 h Jackson.

E **JAMES LOLIE DAVIS** b 3-19-1899 m 12-24-1930 GREGORY RUSSELL b 8-24-1904 h Perkinston.
F Betty Jo b 9-26-1931 m 9-24-1955 Edwin C. Blakeney b 6-25-1923 h Victoria, Tex.

E **NOLL PERKINS DAVIS** h Perkinston b 10-15-1900 1st. m 8-30-1922 JULIA MARIE O'NEAL b 3-12-1902 h Oxford.
F Peggy Marie b 7-26-1924 m 2-1-1952 Edwin Clinard LeGrand Jr. b 1-25-1926 (G) Edwin Clinard III. b 11-18-1952 h Albany, Ga.
F Noll Perkins Jr. b 9-8-1925 h Greenwood.
2nd m 7-21-1939 MARY FRANCES WILLOUGHBY b 3-28-1912, h Perkinston
F Polly Frances b 8-15-1941 h Perkinston.
F Patty Whitfield b 8-15-1941 h Perkinston
F David Nixon b 6-14-1953 h Perkinston.

Five generations of fathers have children from 23 to 29 years apart: (A) 25, (B) 24, (C2) 23, (D20) 24, E above 29.

D21 SARAH JANE DAVIS PRICE



D21 Sarah Jane D. Price, and Daniel Webster Price.

Jane was the first daughter of Daniel P. Davis and was four years old when he shouldered a rifle in the Civil War. She was a small woman as compared to her husband Daniel Webster Price. Aunt Jane was a home-maker and a devoted mother to three children although her health failed in early life. Her preparation of meals with fried chicken, when visitors came, was something to remember. She and Uncle Dan resided on a farm on what is still known as the old Price place west of Perkinston and a portion of this homestead is still owned by one of their nephews, S. H. "Doc" Davis.

Besides three children they have 25 grandchildren, 63 great grandchildren and 29 great, great grandchildren of record in this book - 117 offsprings.

Aunt Jane and Uncle Dan led devoted Christian lives and he served as Deacon in the Perkinston Baptist Church for years. The descendants of this fine couple are indebted to their granddaughter, Frances Breland Byrd, for diligent work in securing the information on these families.

D21 **SARAH JANE DAVIS PRICE** (Page 57) M. Ch. G. Ch. G. Ch.

E **DANIEL JEFFERSON PRICE** b 8-11-1875 d 10-6-1931 1st m 11-19-1896 ROSELLA ISABEL LOTT b 4-26-1877 d 9-30-1916.

F Katie Idell b 9-27-1897 m 5-7-1919 James A. Anderson h Perkinston, b 4-26-1889 d 9-17-1950 (G's) Adon Parnell, h Perkinston b 2-26-1925 m 5-21-1947 Eula Mae O'Neal (H) Patricia Elaine b 3-22-1950, Carolyn Sue b 2-20-1951. (G) Vaden Price b 2-24-1929 m 3-15-1952 Matie M. Williamson, (G) Ivy Weldon b 9-26-1930 d 11-12-1930, (G) Vopal Lizella b 5-12-1932 m Albert G. Fore (H) Viola Louise b 7-17-1951. h Perkinston.

F Bertha Jane b 9-14-1899 m Thomas W. Kirkland, h Picayune b 2-11-1886. (G's) Amanda Climogene b 6-27-1925 (adopted) m 6-27-1948 Carl Boutwell b 6-16-1925 (H's) Donald Ray b 7-25-1948. Carlos Wayne b 9-15-1952. (G) Billie Ray b 6-5-1928 m B. J. Johnson b 9-13-1928 (H) Byron James b 1-16-1953, (G) Amos Walter b 2-4-1930, (G) Cynthia Celeste b 11-25-1931 m 12-31-1950 Raleigh Spiers (H) Sheila Jane b 12-13-1951, (G's) Garland C. b 11-14-1933, Edith Mae b 12-10-1935, J. D. b 2-6-1938, Roger b 11-18-1940.

F Chevis Gethsender b 4-27-1901 m Mary Eliza Breland, h Wiggins (G's) Eurshel Fay b 2-17-1924 m 3-19-1949 Carl Clavdis Dubison, h Perkinston (H) Kathryn Kay b 12-14-1950, (G) Edna Dollivee b 3-31-1933.

F Lucius Weldon b 8-13-1904 m Edith Dilks, h Perkinston.

F Edna Viola b 12-4-1906 d 5-15-1925 m Hugo Penton (G) C. J. b 5-15--1925 d June 1926.

F Harold Denton b 2-5-1909 d 5-31-1947 m Virgie Lott Rogers, h Perkinston.

F Alton Elisha b 11-19-1911 m Linda Hatten (G) Frank Eldon b 12-13-1943, h Perkinston.

F Annie Mae b 5-22-1913 m Frank T. Koch (G's) Lynda Kaye b 8-20-1938, Thomas Lundy b 11-20-1945, h Wiggins.

2nd m. SARAH MORRISON CARROL

F D. J. Price b 9-22-1921 m Helen Harris b 5-2-1928, h Picayune.

E **EMALINE GINNO PRICE** b 1-10-1879 d 5-25-1940 m 6-7-1896 JUNE MILLER b 3-5-1869 d 5-28-1943.

F Alice b 5-18-1897 d 4-16-1928 m 6-18-1915 Clarence Simmons b 1930 (G's) Blanche b 6-25-1916 m 1938 Elgin Dunn (H) James b 8-6-1939, Alice b 7-11-1941, Bobbie Florence May 1943, Annette b 9-18-1946; (G) Leslie Simmons b 11-26-1918 m 1938 Bonita Burton (H) Clarence Edward b Feb. 1941, Vicky b July 1942, Lanette b Nov. 1945, Lavelle b 1947; (G) Edwin b 5-30-1921 m 1945 Katie H. McCormic (H) Charles b Oct. 1945, James Henry b 1946, Billy Ray b 1948, Patricia b 1949. (G) Glennis b 5-6-1923.

F Eunice b 11-3-1898 m 11-20-1921 Oscar Burge, h Pascagoula (G's) Oyt Lloyd b 5-25-1923, Devant b 4-27-1930, Alice Faye b 4-1-1934 m July 1952 Tommy Work (H) Jannie b 1-8-1953, h Pascagoula.

F Ruby Viola b 11-1-1900 d 10-18-1950. m 3-20-1921 Ernest W. Kennedy (G's) Jura Lee b 8-11-1923 m 1939 Henry Stockstill (H) Ronnie b 10-30-1943, Michael b 4-24-1947 (G) E. W. b 1-26-1928 m 1945 Jean Smith (H's) Glenda b 1947, Slevie b 1949, (G) Ruby Alice b 1-26-1928 m Hugh Poole (H) Larry Hugh b 2-17-1949, (G) Larry b 2-22-1935

F Beatrice Jane b 12-17-1902 m 10-6-1933 Charlie Malley, h Picayune (G's) Celeste b 12-5-1934, Winston b 4-9-1936, Flora Beth b 3-13-1938.

F Iris b 12-12-1904 d Nov. 1905.

F Mittie Mae b 8-22-1906 m 1-26-1930 Ward Herndon, h Poplarville (G's) Lois b 8-14-1931, Bevla Jean b 4-30-1933 m Oct. 1950. Aubrey Graham, h Poplarville, (G) Douglas b 8-24-1937, Hilton b 8-24-1940.

F Maude b 2-13-1909 m 6-20-1928 Virgil Malley, h Picayune (G's) Marie b 8-24-1931, James Herschel b 12-9-1934, Minnie Katherine b 5-6-1937, Betty Anne b 10-13-1939, Billy b 1-24-1943, Bobby b 1-12-1944.

F Ralph V. b 8-6-1911 m 12-24-1940 Anna Nora Garner, h Picayune (G's) Kerry Lynn b 7-4-1945, Lane b 11-18-1948, Jerry Wayne b 11-18-1948.

F Blondie b 10-25-1915, h Picayune.

F Marquis Pitts b 1-30-1918 m Joyce Z. Butler, h Pascagoula, (G's) Warren b 6-9-1941, Russell b 10-27-1945, Gayle b 12-16-1948.

F R. J. b 12-14-1922 d 12-14-1922.

E **AMANDA MARIE PRICE** b 1-28-1882 d 10-18-1952 m 10-1-1903. DAVIS ALBERT BRELAND b 12-18-1882 d 10-31-1936 h Perkinston.

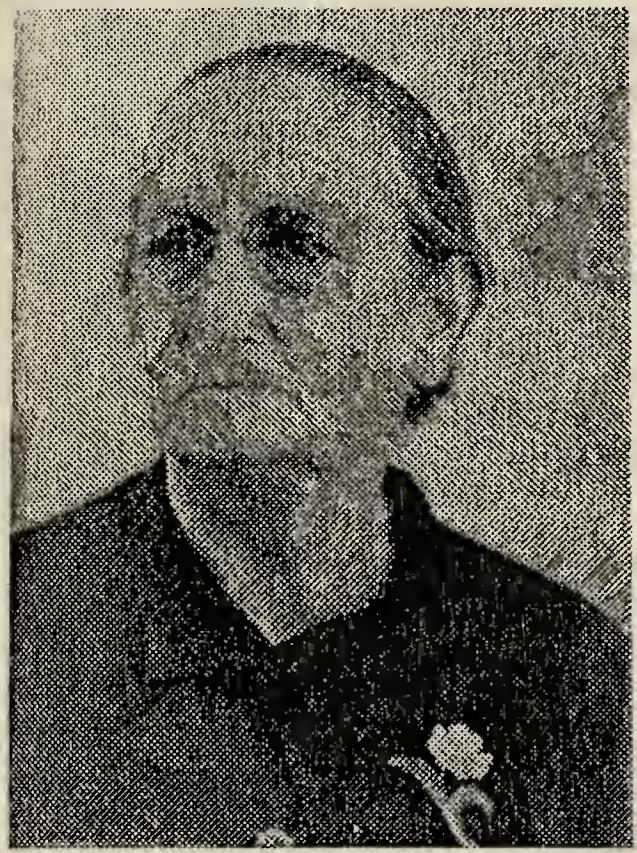
F Frances Inez b 12-4-1904 m 10-31-1925 Ira Oscar Byrd, h Lumberton (G's) Nelda Dorris b 12-28-1926 m 10-10-1947 Gerald Ball b 3-8-1923 (H's) Richard Gerald b 2-24-1949, Gregory Len 1-11-1952, (G) Donothan O. b 8-2-1932.

F Lucius M., h Okeechobee, Fla., b 12-4-1904 d 4-1-1951 m 8-8-1925, Mary McMurphy b 7-4-1904; (G's) James Monroe b 7-24-1926 m 11-9-1945 Betty J. Parten b 11-18-1926 (H) Gerald b 2-18-1848, (G's) Ardell b 10-20-1931, Charles b 1-7-1933, Clarence b 6-22-1938, Harold Dean b 12-4-1942.

F Ernest Clyde h Wiggins b 3-16-1910 m 7-10-1929 Jewel I. Alexander b 4-22-1910 (G's) Wilma Clyde b 12-18-1930 m 10-16-1948 Exro Earl Walker, h Conley, Ga., b 2-1-1922 (H) James Ernest b 4-1-1950. (G's) Alex Albert b 10-19-1934, Malcolm Ernest b 2-24-1940.

F Floyd Hillman b 2-1-1912 d 3-21-1953 m 4-15-1939 Elizabeth Vance b 5-1-1920 d 9-9-1940; 2nd m Helen Marie Vance b 4-17-1929 (G's) Robert Earl b 4-30- 1945, Joe Keith b 9-21-1946.

F Lillian Jane b 1-13-1917 m 6-2-1936 Armand A. Touchstone, h Huntsville, Ala, b 10-15-1907 (G's) Anita Jane b 5-30-1938, William Davis b 1-30-1940, Armand Terrel b 7-22-1946.



AMADA PRICE BRELAND

Amanda's daughter, Frances Byrd, was a tireless worker, contributing to this book. She furnished this picture and the cut to use if space in this chapter permitted. To honor such love for a fine mother lends compassion.

D22 NANCY MISSOURI DAVIS LADNER

This 4th child of Daniel and Emmaline Lee Davis inherited the Nancy part of her name from her own aunt Nancy Cooper and from her father's Aunt Nancy Worthy and Aunt Nancy Davis. She is best known however, as Aunt Missouri. It is a privilege to reproduce her picture as a young girl in this book so that this generation may realize that youth and beauty came in those days, before age and wrinkles, as it does today. Another picture of her is shown at the first Davis-Worthy Mother's Day re-union at Caesar in 1937. She and her sister, Alice Davis Broadus, are at the right 2nd row, page.

Missouri married Solomon Ladner at Hillsdale, Miss. in 1879. Their daughter Frances aided greatly in securing the information on this family.

D22 NANCY MISSOURI D. LADNER (Page 57) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **PORTER LADNER** b 2-11-1881 d 4-22-1953 m 10-15-1910, MARILLA LEE b 4-2-1885. h Lumberton.
F Thelma Lois b 6-5-1913 1st m 6-24-1935 J. E. Lee (G) Patricia Ann b 8-23-1939 2nd m 6-23-1944 A. C. Davis b 8-22-1911 (G) Daniel Porter b 9-16-1946.
F Johnsie b 4-17-1919 d 5-2-1936, h Lumberton.

E **DENA LADNER** b 12-3-1882 d 12-27-1931 m 11-25-1919 ANDREW SLAYTON SMITH b 2-23-1885, h Lumberton.
F Holly Talmadge b 12-20-1911.

E **FRANCES LADNER** b 2-10-1884 m JAMES ALFRED WHEAT, h Poplarville b 11-21-1881.
F Francis Alfred b 12-4-1915.

E **PEARL LADNER** b 6-29-1885 m 10-20-1906 ERNEST BRAYNARD MOODY b 10-20-1888 d 1947.
F Heber Lester b 6-22-1912 m 10-2-1943 Irma Tampara, (G's) George Lester b 3-21-1946, Julia Pearl b 6-26-1947, Martha b 11-4-1953, Ruth Ann b 11-30-1955.
F Eunice Vondell b 2-17-1917 m 2-3-1951 Mason Wood.

E **ROSE LADNER** m GEORGE BROWN.
F Waldo, h Picayune b 12-29-1910 m 10-5-1935 Martha Seal (G) Marjorie b 8-28-1936.
F Norman b 2-10-1913.
F Ralph, h Picayune b 12-9-1914 m 3-5-1940 Dorris Jarrell (G's) Charlie b 2-28-1946, Walter b 1-9-1947, Roy b 8-28-1950.
F Heber, h Jackson b 12-3-1916 m 5-8-1940 Gladys Williams (G) Wayne b 8-28-1942.
F Shirley Rose b 12-13-1922 m 2-15-1941 Eddie Sutton, h New Orleans, La., (G's) Wanja b 12-9-1941, Glenda b 12-6-1948, Rose Mary b 10-8-1950
F Margie b 9-27-1925 m 2-14-1948 Jackie Lowe, h Picayune (G) Sheila b 12-10-1948.
F Milton b 9-27-1925.

E **GRACE LADNER** b 5-25-1893 d 3-20-1927 m 9-13-1913 ABNER SMITH b 1-10-1890 d 3-27-1949.
F Elizabeth Dawn d infant.

E **JESSIE LADNER** b 9-29-1897 m 10-19-1919 SIMMIE MELROSE DUNN b 8-8-1897.
F Grace Nell b 1-14-1931 d 1-14-1931.
F Howard b 9-5-1928 d 11-10-1935 (adopted).
F Herbert (adopted).

D23 LOUIS PORTER DAVIS

Porter was 5th among the 9 children of Daniel and Emmaline Lee Davis. He married Elizabeth Lott from near Perkinston in 1881. She was related to many of the Lott and Bond families, who were among the early settlers of Harrison—now Stone County.

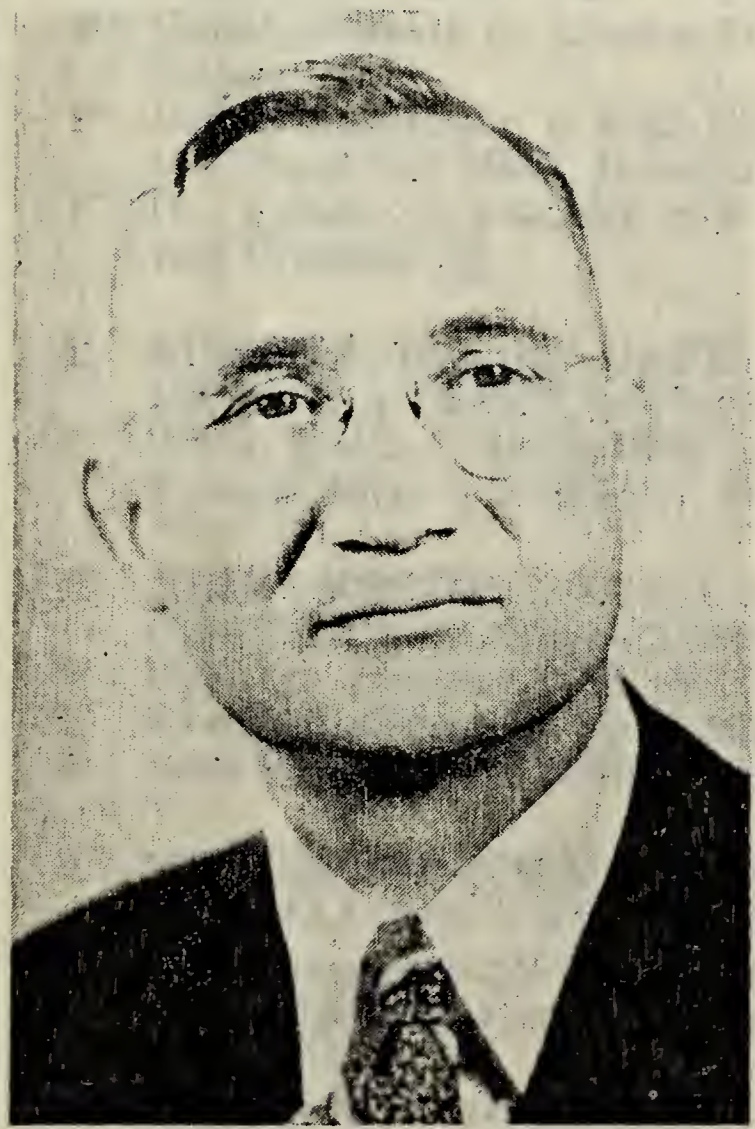
From this marriage there were 8 children, 4 school teachers and 4 Doctors.

The fine record of the Port and Elizabeth Lott Davis families is amazing and would be hard to equal in character and progress by any comparison.

Porter's untimely death in 1908 at 48 years of age was at a crucial period in the lives of this family. The passing of this father followed the "panic of 1907" when many of us living in 1955 can recall a money, sugar and flour shortage in our homes. Biscuit and syrup for Sunday morning breakfast was a treat and for years, "the panics on" was a by word.

The thrift, management and courage of these parents, the progress of their children, their marriages and the many exceptional grandchildren is inspiring. No greater tribute could be given these fine parents. Their children gave timely aid in the production of this book.

TWO OF FOUR DOCTOR SONS



Dr. J. Preston Davis

Dr. Donovan F. Davis

D23 LOUIS PORTER DAVIS (Page 57) M.Ch. G. Ch.

E **ELINOIR DAVIS** b 3-4-1883 d Nov 1947 m ELLIS LANDRUM b 6-20-1878. h Lumberton.

F John L., h Lumberton b 9-19-1907 m 2-4-1938 Louise Ladner b 9-13-1914 (G's) Linda Janice b 2-23-1941, John Allen b 12-18-1942, James Nolas, 12-31-1948.

F Floy Elizabeth m Elbert Smith (G's) James Ellis, Edward Elbert.

F Edward Ellis, h Lumberton, m Athalea Fornea (G) Edward Andre b 6-18-1949.
F Russell Thompson, h Hughs, Ark., b 6-10-1920 m 4-6-1946 Dona Jacobs b 1-21-1923 (G's) Cynthia b 8-23-1951, Russell Andrew.
F Elinor m Jeff Switzer (G's) Ellen Elizabeth, Nancy Ann.
F Ellen d infant.

E **MARTIN LUTHER DAVIS** b 3-5-1885 m SARAH ELIZABETH CARTER b 1-8-1890, h Tucson, Ariz.
F James Luther, h Tucson, Ariz., b 5-8-1924 m 1-26-1947 Natalie Young b 12-16-1923 (G's) James Luther II b 2-27-1949, Frederick Charles b 2-24-1951, Peggy Elizabeth b 10-16-1952.

E **LILLIAN AMANDA DAVIS** b 4-18-1887 m JESSIE P. BOUNDS b 8-31-1884, h Lumberton.
F Hoyt Leonell b 6-11-1912 m 9-10-1934 Clinton Barth Smith b 2-12-1909 (G's) Wendell Davis b 6-17-1935, Kirby b3-17-1942, Judith Leonell b 1-30-1944, Patsy Ann b 1-21-1947.
F Hilda Lelaine b 1-30-1914 m Ben Hornsby b 2-28-1916 (G's) Bennie b 9-10-1941, John Paul b 1-15-1946.
F Houston Davis m Evelyn Freeman (G's) Virginia Ann, Linda Elaine, Nancy Fay.
F Hilton Culpepper b 8-22-1921 m Walline Robinson (G's) Mikell Hilton, Paulette, Mark Houston.
F Hal Preston b 4-4-1926 m 6-3-1949 Emma Mae Wall b 11-17-1927 (G) Hal Preston, Jr.

E **RUSSELL BYRON DAVIS** b 3-21-1892 m RUTH ARABELLA DAVIS b 4-12-1897, h Hughes, Ark.
F Betty Ruth b 10-20-1926 m John Warren Nolan 11-26-1923 (G's) Russell Peter b 2-12-1951, Warren Davis b 1954.

E **JOHN PRESTON DAVIS** b 9-22-1895 m 5-1-1924 EVELYN LAVERNE CHAMBERLAIN b 9-22-1903, h Lake Providence, La.
F Donovan Preston b 11-10-1925 d 5-11-1928.
F Evelyn LaVerne b 12-21-1929.
F John Russell b 7-7-1935.

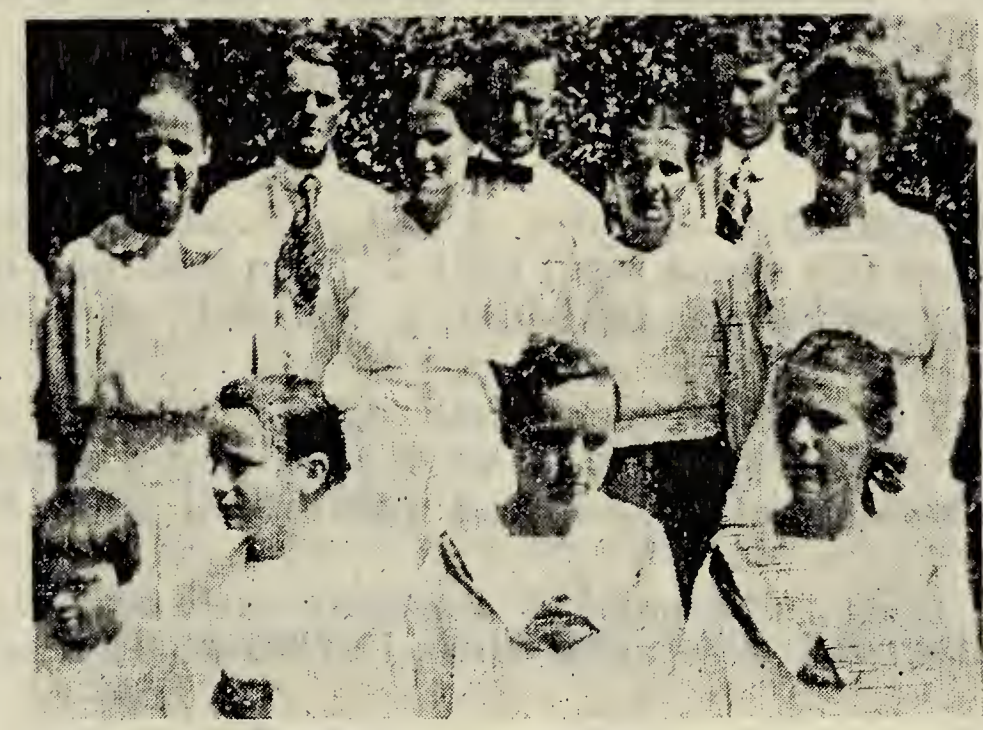
E **NELLIE EUNICE DAVIS** b 9-17-1899 m 11-6-1928 m JOHN HARTLEY MANSON b 9-6-1898, h Lumberton.
F John Douglas b 12-7-1929 1st m 6-6-1950 Gloria J. Patch b 7-14-1928 d 9-12-1952 2nd m 7-31-1954 Betty Ann Kittrell (G) John Roger b 8-31-1955.
F Louis Delaine b 5-21-1932 d 7-12-1932.

E **DONOVAN F. DAVIS** b 5-1-1903 m 11-26-1927 WINIFRED MARIE JENNINGS b 4-4-1903, h Lake Providence, La.
F Donna Marie b 6-4-1930 m Boniface Gerard Trosclair b 3-14-1924, h Hughes, Ark.
F Elizabeth Ann b 11-20-1940.

D24 DANIEL BINGLEY DAVIS

FATHER

CHILDREN



Back row, left to right: Boys: Otho, Louis, Theodore; Girls: Nettie, Lillie, Beulah, Etta, Front row: Oxie, Isabell, Maggie Mae, Nora.

"Bing" Davis was born at Hillsdale and married Sabra Isabel Carter of Hattiesburg, Miss. Although he taught school and served as Justice while living in Forrest County, he returned to farming at the old family homestead with his young family.

"Bing" was a hard working, red headed, blue eyed man who was plain spoken and no doubt would have preferred splitting rails to having his picture made. His thrifty sons are much like him, as hard workers, good providers and are well established livestock producers.

One son, Louis, owns and operates the old Daniel Peyton Davis homestead which has served the third and beginning the fourth generation. This old home extends a welcome each Mother's Day to all the descendants of Daniel and Emmaline Lee Davis.

Daniel Bingley and Isabel Carter Davis were the parents of 11 children pictured above and by 1955 there was not a single death among them for 68 years. This is the only family group of the Daniel Peyton Davis grandchildren that are so blessed. We are indebted to their daughter, Nora, and other members of this family for preserving many of the old pictures used in this book and to Otho for aid in it's publication.

D24 DANIEL BINGLEY DAVIS (Page 58) M. Ch. G.Ch. G. G. Ch.

E ETTA DAVIS b 12-29-1888 1st m 5-6-1906 JAMES MYRICK d 2-3-1912, h Poplarville.
2nd m Sept. 1918 W. R. RESTER d 10-21-1951.

F Odis J. b 8-28-1907 m 3-31-1934 Velma Broadus b 8-2-1913 (G's), James Edward b 6-19-1935 m 4-15-1955 Shirley Ann Davis, (G) Shirley Raye b 12-31-1936 m 2-17-1955 James Kelium Lewis (H) J. L., (G's) Larry Joe b 12-24-1938, Glenda Faye b 1-8-1941, Eleanor Sue b 11-27-1943, Lois Gaye b 5-9-1946, Kermit J. b 7-3-1948.

F Daniel B. h. Bogalousa, La. b 7-17-1909 m 5-10-1935 Clotiel Ladner (G's) D. C. b 11-13-1936 d 12-7-1936, Jerry Levander b 5-25-1941, Mary Jo b 6-13-1946.

E **BEULAH DAVIS** b 4-16-1890 m 1909 FRED BROADUS, h Lumberton

F Bertie Mae b 7-25-1910 m 7-25-1931 Homer Slade h Lumberton, (G's) Harold, h Lumberton, b 5-10-1932 m 2-11-1952 Olga Mae Shiyon b 4-30-1935 (H) Randall b 9-15-1953, (G) Joe Fred b 4-30-1934 m Lois Virginia b Nov. 1936 (H) Joe Fred Jr. b 8-8-1953, (G) Frances Merle b 8-7-1944, h Lumberton.

F Woodrow W. b 12-1-1912 m Ola Rae Lee b 1-3-1919, h Lumberton (G's) Peggy Lorraine b 8-16-1936 m 10-17-1952 Leo Ladner (H) Peggy Dean, (G's) Betty Louise b 12-8-1937 d 7-10-1941, Geraldine b 10-21-1947.

F Floy Ray b 5-8-1915 m 6-1-1933 Adolph Bond, h Lumberton b 2-26-1911 (G's) Neville Marlene b 6-17-1934 m 10-10-1952 Ervin Lee (H) Milton Ray b 2-25-1954 (G's) Darold Ray b 1-22-1937, Letty Juanice b 8-20-1942.

F Lottie Marie b 10-23-1917 m Port Dedeaux, h Lumberton (G's) Jo Jo b 1-4-1936, Frankie b 10-19-1937, Lonnie Murriel b 3-8-1941 d 9-10-1941, Anthony b 2-7-1951.

F Nettie b 11-7-1919 m 7-19-1937 Haskell Jones, h Lumberton (G's) Tony b 7-31-1938, Barbara b 3-13-1942, David b 10-3-1947.

F F. W. b 1-28-1922 m 4-18-1942 Mertice Owen b 4-10-1924, h Lumebrton (G's) Joan b 1-17-1943, Ruby Nell b 5-23-1946, Ronnie Gerald b 10-5-1948, Laverne b 12-13-1950.

E **LOUIS DAVIS** b 3-18-1892 m 3-18-1926 POLLY ANDERSON b 11-17-1909, h Lumberton.

F Ruby Mae b 10-5-1927 m 5-19-1945 John William Walker, h Lumberton b 8-2-1926 (G's) Ruth Jeanne b 8-18-1947, Jeannette La Ree b 7-7-1948, Polly Geneva b 8-8-1952.

F L. D. b 12-28-1929 m 7-5-1952 Mary Smith b 6-20-1932 h Lumberton (G's) Larry b 12-26-1954, Laura b 8-16-1955.

E **LILLIE DAVIS** b 2-28-1894 m 3-17-1913 ELIAS LEE b 7-20-1870 d 4-22-1954 h Poplarville.

F Irene b 11-22-1914 m 12-24-1933 Colon Ladner, h Poplarville, b 6-24-1914 (G's) Colon Jr. b 11-4-1934, d 11-4-1934, Betty Jean, b 4-17-1939, Billy Ray b 1-1-1943.

F Stella b 6-13 1918 m 5-24-1941 Welton Ladner, h Perkinston b 3-19-1922 (G's) Ronnie Walton b 11-24-1943, Reggie Leroy b 5-1-1946, Rayford Kenneth b 6-17-1950.

E **OTHO DAVIS** b 5-19-1895 m 12-20-1925 WILLIE PEARL SEALS b 7-28-1909, h Lumberton.

F Clara Bell b 2-17-1927 m 9-14-1946 Emmett Rester, h Lumberton, b 9-30-1922 (G's) Patricia Ann b 7-3-1947, Fredna b 3-5-1953, Lela b 3-5-1953.

F Alma Lois b 2-18-1929 m 4-17-1947 Waveland Dedeaux, h Lumberton b 9-28-1926 (G's) Wayne Elvis b 6-14-1948, Linda Sue b 11-25-1949, Wanda Jean b 12-27-1952.

F Herman Herldon, h Lumberton b 12-2-1930 m 12-11-1948 Laverne Sheffield b 9-5-1930 (G) Kathryn Marie b 11-26-1951.

F Donald Ray b 8-25-1945.

E **NETTIE DAVIS** b 10-14-1897 m 9-30-1914 JOE LEE, h Wiggins.
F Bernice Lottie b 10-11-1915.
F Roscoe b 12-24-1917.
F Flora Louise b 1-5-1924.
F Ottis b 6-14- h Poplarville.
F James b 8-17-1930, h Wiggins.

E **THEODORE DAVIS** b 4-10-1902 m 12-22-1922 ETHIE MILDRED DAUGHDRILL, h Lumberton.
F Pearlie Marie b 1-20-1924 m 6-23-1945 Harold Stevens, h Poplarville. (G's) Dennis Gary b 4-1-1946, Sandra Paulette b 1-6-1950, Ronnal Gere b 5-19-1953.
F Daniel Braxton b 2-18-1927 m 9-3-1949 Frances Davis, h Lumberton (G) Judith Karen b 2-16-1953.
F Dorothy Louise b 11-7-1932 m 11-11-1950 Frederick Smith, h Lumberton. (G's) Roy Kiahnell b 8-11-1952, Rita Gay b 9-5-1955.
F Betty Bertiele b 4-16-1935 m 4-16-1953 Billy Powell (G) Emily Yvonne b 1-22-1954.

E **MAGGIE MAE DAVIS** b 11-12-1904 m 7-18-1931 OSRO DAVIS, h Lumberton.
F Infant b 5-5-1933 d 5-5-1933, Infant b 8-5-1934 d 8-5-1934.
F Oteria Oswill, h Lumberton b 7-8-1936 m Emergene Lee (G) L. O. b 9-8-1954.
F Myrtis Maxine b 4-15-1941.

E **ISABEL DAVIS** b 1-2-1908 m 12-28-1924 CHESTER LATRELL DAVIS, h Lumberton, b 2-10-1907.
F L. T. b 9-4-1925 d 11-21-1925.
F William Alasta b 10-31-1926 m 12-16-1944 Arlene Walker, h Lumberton (G's) Carolyn Ann b 12-30-1949, William Stanley b 11-29-1951.
F Allen Levon b 10-13-1928, h Lumberton.

D25 FRANCES DAVIS BATSON

This mother of several outstanding children also has some fine lovable grandchildren who have made worthy contributions to this family history. Aunt Frances was a stable, fine woman with a gentle firmness similar to her father, Daniel Peyton Davis. A thrifty wife and mother who married a thrifty, generous hearted man, Rankin Davis Batson.

The writer recalls the warmth extended in her home by this fond Aunt - and the many visits of Uncle Rank with "Nick" and "Rusha" on his timber estimating trips to Perkinston with lasting pleasure.

Uncle Rank was at one time a well-to-do man before the 1907 panic when he owned a good portion of Hattiesburg, Miss. With heavy losses in mid life, this fine couple had the character and strength to rear and educate their family creditably. She lived to be 65 and he 86.

Rankin Davis Batson's mother was Elizabeth Davis (born in 1841) a daughter of James "Big Jim" Davis who married Jane Swetman who was born in 1825. The records of Daniel (A) 1772 and James (B) 1804 in this book and all other tracings do not reveal any relationship between these two James Davises who lived in South Mississippi and both reared large creditable families at about the same period. The marriages of several of their Davis' to Davis' descendants are recorded in this book.

Rankin Davis Batson's grandmother was Delpha Bond, daughter of Col. John Bond.

D25 FRANCES DAVIS BATSON (page 58) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E STELLA LEONA BATSON h Auburn, Ala. b 11-16-1885 1st. m 5-4-1905 ERNEST WLKER HANNA b 11-29-1883.
F Helen Ernestine b 6-7-1906 m 6-14-1935 Telfair Boys Peet b 11-25-1904 (G's) David b 9-27-1940, Bettie Meade b 11-11-1944 h Auburn, Ala.
F Thomas Marion b 8-12-1913 d 2-15-1938
2nd m PATRICK GOLDEN b 5-25-1931

E THADDEUS ORAN BATSON b 9-28-1888 d 12-21-1946
m GRACE McLENDON h Hattiesburg
F Hansell Rivers
F Jesse McLendon d 3-30-1945
F Dorothy

E BUFORD ALVANUS BATSON b 6-6-1891 d 11-18-1947 m 11-2-1914 ROSE HANAFEE
F William Thurston Batson Sr. h Jackson b 8-20-1916 m 1-12-1938 Thelma Adeline Bennett b 3-16-1915 (G's) Elizabeth Ann b 7-5-1939, William Thurston Jr. b 4-7-1942, Irl Bennett b 5-27-1947.
F Rosemary Batson b 6-7-1918 m 1-14-1939 Robert Maxwell Jackson h Jackson (G's) Robert Maxwell Jr. b 7-8-1947 (adopted) Sandra Rose b 2-20-1951 (adopted).
F Elizabeth b 8-1-1929 d 8-19-1929

E RUBY ELIZABETH BATSON b 1-8-1893 d 3-26-1947 m 3-27-1915 GEORGE GRAHAM AUTREY d 10-30-1950
F Francis Ransom Autrey h Pasadena, Tex. b 3-22-1916 m 6-1-1946 Lola Louis Stamps (G's) Kathryn M. b 2-25-1947, Frances L. b 9-5-1948 Sarah Ann b 1-30-1952.

E BERNICE SELMA BATSON b 12-6-1899 m GEORGE ANDERSON h Philadelphia, Pa.

E CLIFTON WYCLIFF BATSON b 7-4-1903 m 5-2-1936 SARAH ALICE LYONS h Houston, Tex.
F Kenneth Davis b 9-10-1938
F Clifton Deith b 7-25-1944.

D26 EMMALINE JANET DAVIS - Unmarried (page 58)

D27 MARY ALICE DAVIS BROADUS

This youngest child of Daniel and Emmaline Lee Davis married Eugene Jasper Broadus and during their first years of marriage, they lived near her father and engaged in farming. Eugene, like so many of the Broadus boys, became a Baptist minister and by diligent effort, and loyal support of Alice, he attended college years after the birth of many of his children. Again, to their credit, they moved to Perkinston to give their children a foundation education in high school and two years at the Junior College. They were justly proud of the advancement of their fine boys and girls who became teachers, tradesmen and home makers of the highest type.

All six boys had names starting with "T". Theron was the oldest and probably resembled his Grandfather Daniel Davis in appearance and manner more than any other grandchild.

Aunt Alice was also much like her father in manner - a steady, calm deliberate mother whose love and devotion will always inspire her splendid children and grandchildren.

An older picture, taken with a 1937 Mother's Day group, may be seen on page 17 of this book at the far right - beside her sister, Missouri.

D27 MARY ALICE DAVIS BROADUS (page 58) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E THERON ALBERT BROADUS b 9-9-1899 d 3-7-1948 m 9-20-1922 WILMA SMITH h Houston, Texas.

F Theron Albert Jr. b 8-20-1926 m 2-22-1947 Jo Frye (G's) Donna Lynn b 7-2-1948, Stephen b 8-16-1950, Theron Wayne b 12-15-1951 h Houston, Texas.

F Marianne b 10-30-1930 m 4-1-1951 James W. Buice (G) Walter Jean b 9-24-1952.

F Roddy Jean b 7-30-1932 m 2-12-1951 Herman L. Buchanan (G) Beverly Ann b 9-2-1952.

E THORNTON J. BROADUS b 7-12-1901 m GLADYS TURRITIN

E TRAVIS D. BROADUS h Menge Ave., Pass Christian, b 9-10-1906 m 1-24-1942 NETTIE MILLER.

F Diane b 10-30-1946.

F Brenda b 11-15-1948.

F Gary Dwain b 8-24-1952

E ELSIE EMALINE BROADUS b 2-20-1909 m 12-23-1931 RENELDER J. MORAN h Rt. 2, Gulfport

E ELVIE GERTRUDE BROADUS b 1-26-1913 m 3-9-1937 HOWARD BUFKIN h New Orleans, La.

F Howard Jr. b 4-9-1938

F Margaret Elaine b 8-23-1946

It is interesting to note that, before railroads, Thornton's Great Great Grandfather, Daniel Davis (A) followed the old Red Creek road leading to Menge Avenue, and his Pass Christian post office.

C3 JOHN P. DAVIS

JOHN P. and MARY McALLISTER DAVIS

John P. Davis was also born in Copiah County while his father, James, lived on adjoining properties alongside his Worthy and Davis grandparents.

John was about 9 years old when his parents, James and Elizabeth Davis, came by boat or land down the Pearl River to near the Pearlington and Gainesville landing, to live close to Caesar.

Unlike the other brothers, John turned to lumber, timber and other business ventures which took him to various places in South Mississippi and Louisiana.

In these early days, large virgin pine trees were brought to the banks of larger streams and rivers and readied for rafting. When rains made the streams rise, hearty woodsmen rode these timbers down stream by the thousands. The risk of life and limb during these flood stages and especially in a "log jam" challenged the youth who were vigorous and good swimmers to learn to ride logs and dare the swollen streams. Many deaths occurred - all got wet and cold at times, and often one would get lost for days in these overflow swamp lands, to be terrified.

John P. and Mary McAllister Davis were very unfortunate in losing so many of their children, 5 in a three year period; and of those, three died in eleven days. Health Department records show that the 1st health law for Mississippi in 1799 was passed to "provide—against fatal calamaties" and "1846 small pox vaccine established in Jackson." There are records of Yellow fever epidemics in 1853 and 1878 and Diphtheria was rife in places.

John was also in the Civil War and many of his children died in those perilous years from 1861 to 1865 and the reconstruction years that followed. It is significant that a state law was passed in 1876 allowing 3 coast counties to have their own Health Department, for most of John's children were born in this area just before and during this time.

This stalwart business man of the family lived through the grievous period that took most of his 15 children, to reach the ripe age of 87. He was buried at Slidell, La. His wife, Mary McAllister Davis outlived 7 of her 15 children and was surely a mother of tremendous physical, mental and spiritual strength.

The strength and character of John and Mary are an inspiration for their living descendants who well know their blood lines can face difficulties however severe.

C3 JOHN P. DAVIS (Page 26) M. Ch. G. Ch.

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	No. Ch.
	D's 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 37, 42. Early deaths - unmarried.			
D34	JOHN PARKER DAVIS	4- 6-1870	1898	2
	m LAURA NICHOLS h Beaumont (Page 82)			
E	Aubry			
E	Forrest E.	5- 3-1896		4
D36	JOSEPH J. DAVIS	9- 9-1873	10-31-1899	1
	m MARIETTA KEIN (Page 82)			1
E	Jovauda			
D38	LUTHER M. DAVIS	11-25-1877		
	1st m. IDA h Oklahoma City p			
	2nd m. IDA MAE			
D39	R. LUSSETTA DAVIS	6-20-1879	2-23-1902	3
	m HENRY COLUMBUS DEARMAN (Page 82)			3
E	Martha Gladys			
E	Thomas			
E	John Parker			
D40	ALBERT A. DAVIS	9-13-1881		3
	m VIOLA STRAHEN	6- 8-1886 (Page 82)		1
E	Bernhardt Lavelle	7-14-1916	7-11-1952	1
E	Orval Albert	12- 8-1919		3
E	Mary Elizabeth	3- 4-1922		2
D41	L. LAWRENCE DAVIS	12- 5-1884		1
	m h New Orleans (Page 82)			
	MAE POTTER			1
E	Maunite			

D34 JOHN PARKER DAVIS

John Parker Davis married Laura Nichols and they had two children Aubrey and Forrest before his untimely death at 28 years of age. His son Forrest was only two years old when he lost his father but grew up to be a successful man and progressive citizen. He served several terms as Board of Supervisor for Perry County and like his grandfather engaged in the saw mill business. His picture, along with his Uncle Lawrence and others, follows the introduction in this book.

D34 JOHN PARKER DAVIS (page 81) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **FORREST E. DAVIS** b 5-3-1896 m 5-25—RAIDEE ERNESTINE DUNKLEY b 12-11-1902 h Beaumont, Miss.

F Forrest Edwin Jr. b 2-3-1920 m 1947 Icie Hinton h Beaumont

F Frances Ernestine b 3-21-1922 m 11-26-1941 Paul Deward Johnston h Beaumont (G's) Paul Deward Jr. b 10-15-1942, Johnnie Laverne b 9-30-1944, Frances Marie b 4-8-1946, Edwin Rawls b 8-10-1947.

F Johnnie Ray h Lucedale b 4-5-1925 m 7-3-1947 Almeta McNeese (G's) Cynthia Nan b 7-27-1949, Joan Christy b 2-17-1851.

F Bobbie Joe b 7-19-1929 d Infant.

D40 AND D41 ALBERT AND LAWRENCE DAVIS

Albert and Lawrence Davis are known for their happy dispositions. Their pictures at 70 and 73 years of age, at the Caesar re-union in 1954, are shown with other branches of the James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis descendants.

Albert married Viola Strahan and they have three children. He lives in Lumberton.

Lawrence married Mae Potter and they had one daughter. He lives in New Orleans.

We failed in our efforts to obtain a complete history on all of the John P. Davis families.

D40 ALBERT ALEXANDER DAVIS (page 81) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **BERNHARDT LAVELLE DAVIS** b 7-14-1916 d 7-11-1952 m 7-3-1940 ESTELLE RILEY h Beaumont, Miss.

F Alvin B. b 10-3-1941.

E **ORVAL ALBERT DAVIS** b 12-8-1919 m 3-22-1940 GLYNN SENNETT h Poplarville.

F Robert Earl b 1-23-1943.

F Doris Marie b 10-6-1945

F Walter Albert b 1-9-1947

E **MARY ELIZABETH DAVIS** b 3-14-1922 m 12-4-1943 WILTON CARLAN h Lumberton.

F Wilton Jr. b 11-7-1945

F Billy Gerald b 11-4-1947

C4 NANCY ELIZABETH DAVIS COOPER

Nancy, one of 2 daughters, was born in the Rockport Community of Copiah County where all her grandparents lived at the time. She was named for her double Aunt, Nancy Worthy Davis, and her mother, Elizabeth Worthy Davis. Also her aunt Nancy Davis. She was 5 when her parents moved to Hancock County where she grew up, married and reared the fine Cooper family.

C4 Nancy E. Cooper

When Nancy married Cornelius Cooper the license was issued in Bay St. Louis, Hancock County but the Cooper farm home was in the Sones Chapel Community. This is now in the Picayune area of Pearl River County which was created from parts of Marion and Hancock Counties 31 years after their marriage in 1859.

Cornelius Cooper was a forward looking livestock farmer when they settled on the West side of Hobolochitto Creek. These earlier pioneers found home sites by good running springs, near streams for watering cattle and sheep, yet located above flood marks. Such judgment of early pioneers in locating these very old homesteads was remarkable in those River days when there were no public or railroads. Cornelius was a progressive honorable and civic minded man, as indicated by his membership in the Masonic order and Baptist Church. He left his 9 sons and daughters a heritage, with the inspiration and Christian virtues of the mother, that was reflected in the fine lives of their sons and daughters. His father was James Ira Cooper.

Aunt Nancy - or Grandmother Cooper was adored by everyone. Her picture still glows for those who knew her. Although losing her eyesight at the age of 60, her cheerful spirit lighted the homes she loved to visit. Some today recall children gathering at her knees where she sat beside an old crock, churning the day's cream for butter—and gleefullly, listening to her sing old Indian songs as she kept time with the churn dasher. This beautiful life reached the age of 80 in 1919.

Her name-sake and granddaughter, Nancy Elizabeth Cooper Davis, so lives in the lives of the Cooper-Davis families to be their over-all "sweetheart" and the grand old "Aunt Nancy" of 1955, at the age of 76.

The Cooper contribution to this history by a noble descendant and Baptist Minister in 1955, Dr. Earl Cooper, of Greenville, S. C., is greatly appreciated. His aid and encouragement on this book and his wise spiritual counsel were invaluable.

NOTE: The two cousins, T. D. Davis and Earl Cooper were very close neighbors and friends. Earl journied to Mississippi to take part in the author's funeral services at Perkinston.

COOPER FAMILY GROUP

COOPER RE-UNION GROUP

C4 NANCY ELIZABETH DAVIS COOPER (Page 27) M. Ch. G. Ch.

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	No. Ch.
D43	JAMES IRA COOPER	8-10-1860	4-22-1938	13
	1st m. 12-11-1878 h	Pages 86-89		
	MARY L. DOWNEY	2-11-1861	12-19-1889	4
E	Nancy Elizabeth	10- 7-1879		5
E	Missouri Emmaline	1-10-1882		
E	Nellie Rose	8- 7-1884		7
E	Cornellius Vanderbilt	1-10-1887		8
	2nd m 11-25-1890			
	ELLEN BAXTER		5-25-1914	9
E	Mary Isabelle	10- 9-1892		3
E	Sarah Ada	2-6-1894		4
E	Ruby Minerva	4-16-1895	9- 6-1954	7
E	Jacob Scott	7-31-1896	1- 7-1941	3
E	Searcy Venable	3- 7-1898	11-20-1918	
E	Maud Ethel	4-27-1900		4
E	Leona Gertrude	12-22-1901		1
E	Sadie Ophelia	9-29-1904		
E	Clarrissa May	7- 4-1909		3
	3rd m 3-31-1915			
	MALISSA POPE JOHNSON		6-22-1915	
	4th m 2-22-1916			
	AMAN. POLK TRAYLOR	2-22-1866	8-22-1933	
D44	W. SHELTON COOPER	1862	11- -1930	6
	m 3-27-1883 h	Pages 89-90		
	ISABELLE SEAL	12-13-1862	3-26-1930	6
E	Thomas Willis	8-20-1884		2
E	Lee Hobbs	8-24-1889	1931	4
E	Morris Acklin	12- 3-1894		2
E	Jabez Elmer	10-14-1897	6-12-1954	
E	Lawton	12-15-1900	11- -1930	1
E	Louisa Gertrude	11-14-1902	3- 1-1946	1
D45	REBECCA ANN COOPER	2-18-1865	12-20-1903	6
	m 12-25-1882	Pages 90-91		
	LEVI S. SMITH	12-20-1865	12- 3-1943	6
E	Nancy Josephine	9- -1883	9-10-1886	
E	Jordan	5- 6-1885		2
E	Monroe	7-16-1890		2
E	Lela Josephine	3-26-1893	1-23-1945	4
E	Lena B.	7-22-1899		4
E	Herbert	1- 8-1900		
D46	DANIEL C. COOPER	10- 7-1867	8-14-1938	9
	m 2-21-1895 h Pearl River Co.		Pages 91-92	
	DELPHINE MITCHELL	12-15-1875	12-30-1952	9
E	Dessie	1- 6-1896	4-11-1896	0
E	Hubert Edward	11-16-1898		2
E	Verna Edith	10- 6-1900		3
E	Velma DeLoris	10-18-1902		3
E	Hulbert	10-15-1904		2

C4 NANCY ELIZABETH DAVIS COOPER (Continued) (page 27)

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	Ch.
E	Homer James	8-27-1906		4
E	Harold H.	1-18-1909		4
E	Verna Verlee	4-13-1911	2-12-1944	1
E	Vergie	8-16-1914		2
D47	THOMAS R. COOPER	9- 2-1869		
	m FANNIE GRAHAM	Page 92		
D48	JOSEPHINE COOPER	4- 1-1873	5- 6-1935	7
	m 10-20-1894 h Pearl River Co.	Page 93		
	WILEY SMITH	8- 6-1873		7
E	Pearl	4-22-1895	4-16-1898	
E	Elsie	6- 4-1897	3- 7-1935	4
E	Estella	2-22-1899		1
E	Hattie	8- 8-1902		1
E	Hester	10-19-1905		5
E	Jerusha	9-30-1909	4- 9-1918	
E	Ruby	8-16-1913		1
D49	H. AMBROSE COOPER	3-1-1877		5
	m 4-20-1898 h Wiggins	Page 94		
	MALEZER ALEXANDER	8-18-1879	10-10-1940	5
E	Ouida	2-22-1900		2
E	Otho	11-22-1904		2
E	Oakley	6- 6-1907		4
E	Ophelia	4-15-1915		5
E	Oneata	6-15-1918		2
D50	E. ADELINE COOPER	2- 6-1880	11-21-1951	6
	m 3-6-1900	Pages 95-96		
	THOMAS McB. FLOWERS	12-16-1881	11-26-1919	6
E	Ayesha Oveita	9-17-1902		2
E	Athene Inez	9-30-1904		1
E	Wiley James	10-26-1906		3
E	Alpha Josephine	12- 2-1908		1
E	Richard Halpin	6-25-1913		1
E	Wilbur Crawford	2-8-1916		
D51	MARY ISABELLE	Unmarried Page 96		

D43 JAMES IRA COOPER

James Ira was named for his grandfather and he was the father of 13 children; four by his first wife Mary Downey, and 9 by his 2nd wife, Ellen Baxter. Their children and grandchildren far outnumber his brothers and sisters descendants but none in this book excels his Uncle William Davis. He was first married in Hancock County by Rev. Hardy Smith, a Baptist minister.

James Ira was an above-the-average citizen, very active in farming and business operations such as saw-milling and cotton ginning. His oldest daughter Nancy Elizabeth Davis, follows the family names down the line on one side from Nancy Spinks, Nancy Worthy Davis, Nancy Davis Cooper, back to Nancy Cooper Davis. Her husband, Wallace Elias Davis, was no blood relation. Nancy is also known for her ability to recall family connections, and she and her sister Missouri, were fortunate enough to celebrate Golden wedding anniversaries. Four of these living children averaged 73 years of age in 1954.

D43 JAMES IRA COOPER (Continued)

James Ira Cooper's oldest son, Cornelius, lives in the Baxterville Community, where the first oil discovery in that area was made on his farm of 160 acres. Although royalty income from three wells is more than an adequate retirement income, they remain on the farm home they love. He married Ida Jane Ward. Their son, Clifton Earl, was a beloved neighbor of the author while a Baptist minister in Greenville, S. C. Earl's picture is shown with a group, following the acknowledgement in this book.

The Cooper reunions are enjoyable occasions and well attended as shown by the group pictures reproduced on these pages.

The lack of complete vital statistics on a few of the many James Ira Cooper descendants is regretted.

D43 JAMES IRA COOPER (Page 85) M. ch. G. ch.

E **NANCY ELIZABETH COOPER** b 10-7-1879 m 3-27-1901 WALLACE ELIAS DAVIS b 7-6-1872 h Baxterville.
F Infant son b 2-23-1902 d 2-23-1902.
F Lydia Lucile b 8-17-1903 m 6-29-1929 E. J. Loflin h Baxterville (G's) Kenneth Larue h Gulfport b 10-31-1930 m 12-22-1950 Ruth Neil James (H) B. Lewis b 9-18-1851 (G) Carolyn Eugenia b 10-13-1936.
F V. Edward b 3-26-1906 d 5-7-1934.
F Eunice Elvira b 5-17-1910 m 6-8-1835 Joseph Edward Defield h Bozier City, La. (G's) Sylvia Elizabeth b 7-13-1937, Janet Lynn b 2-26-1934.
F Chalmers H. b 11-11-1914 d 12-17-1931.

E **MISSOURI EMALINE COOPER** b 1-10-1882 m 1-23-1901. JAMES M. SEAL d 6-11-1953 h Picayune.

E **NELLIE ROSE COOPER** b 8-7-1884 m 3-19-1905 ROBERT EDGAR BAXTER d 9-13-1953 h Lumberton.
F Grace Viola b 1-7-1906 m 5-5-1936 Anthony J. Bertucci h Biloxi.
F Gladys Ora b 1-14-1909 m 6-21-1930 Fred Matthews h Picayune (G) Arnold Fred b 5-12-1932.
F Iris Oneida b 10-2-1910 m 1-21-1931 Dale Thomas Byrd h Biloxi (G) Barbara Joyce h Biloxi 12-15-1932, Lavoy b 4-19-1937 d 6-15-1937.
F James Thomas b 11-29-1913 m 3-1-1941 Bettie Reyer h Lumberton.
F Meredith Adair b 10-25-1917 m 8-5-1941 Lucile Reyer h Picayune. (G's) Son d, Paul Austin b 7-14-1947, Ann b 5-22-1950.
F Mildred Ruth b 10-19-1919 m 6-20-1935 Bruce Mason Miller (G's) Wayne Andre b 10-10-1940, Bruce Adair b 3-10-1943.
F Camelia Roberta b 10-31-1922 m 10-30-1943 Hugh Charles Smith (G's) Dau. d, Robert Charles b 2-26-1948, Hughnell b 7-26-1949, William Davis b 9-30-1950.

E **CORNELIUS VANDERBILT COOPER** h Baxterville b 1-10-1887 m 3-21-1909 IDA JANE FANT WARD b 2-21-1885.
F Malcolm Ward h Columbia b 6-20-1912 m 3-2-1934 Lela Mae Howard b 3-10-1913 (G's J. Malcolm Howard b 2-5-1935, Jerry Neal b 7-17-1937, James Walter b 4-23-1939, Nelda Diane b 7-8-1944, Sandra Gail b 9-14-1945, Ardeth Gay b 7-24-1949.
F Clifton Earl b 9-27-1914 m 8-5-1940 Annie Lou Guess h Greensville, S.C. (G's) Thomas Noel b 4-13-1943, Carol Anne 8-13-1946 d 8-15-1946, Karen Cecile b 11-1-1948.
F Sedgie Ford b 8-17-1916 m 11-12-1939 Dymple Agnes Housley h Baxterville b 4-12-1920 (G's) Yary b 2-28-1940, Lynda Janette b 8-10-1943.
F Sarah Nell b 8-7-1919 m 12-21-1940 Carter Turner McNeese b 8-7-1818

D43 JAMES IRA COOPER (Continued) (Page 85)

(G's) John Carter b 1-17-1947, Charlotte Jane b 6-2-1950.

F Ruth Evelyn b 3-2-1924 m 12-8-1946 Andrew Trahan h St. Charles, La., b 3-2-1924 (G) Evelyn Arita b 5-23-1951.

F Jessie Mae b 12-30-1907 d 6-2-1910.

F Robert James b 4-24-1911 d 5-31-1911.

F Infant Girl b 6-8-1918 d 6-8-1918.

E **MARY ISABELLE COOPER** b 10-9-1892 m August 1913 HENRY GASTON WALLACE b 1-2-1895 d 12-4-1924.

F Loyce Helen b 6-17-1914 1st m Thurman Nelson Simmons d 6-3-1950 (G) Thurman Jr. b 6-6-1932 d 10-1-1951 2nd m Truman Goodwin (G) Wallace Dupree b 11-14-1947 h Bogalousa, La.

F Ligon James b 7-26-1916 m 1940 h Lake Charles, La.

F Harrel Gaston b 10-6-1921 d 5-11-1922.

E **SARAH ADA COOPER** b 2-6-1894 m 11-14-1917 OSCAR DAVIS b 1-10-1897.

F Herman h Covington, La., b 10-19-1919 m 10-29-1939 Vera McCaughlin b 11-6-1918 (G's) Linda Darnel b 7-31-1940, Glenda Hazel b 11-11-1944, Alice Fay b 3-18-1847.

F Helen Irene b 7-7-1923 m 10-19-1952 J. D. Brooks.

F Oscar Jr. b 11-3-1926.

F Raymona b 1-29-1933 m 2-3-1951 Edward Sharp.

E **RUBYE MINERVA COOPER** b 4-16-1895 d 9-6-1954 m 6-16-1917 FLOYD DAVIS b 5-10-1889.

F Wilma Jane b 6-8-1918 m 6-28-1845 Hugh Royston (G) Ralph b 3-12-1946.

F Pauline b 12-4-1919 m 6-17-1938 Kemp Pittman (G's) John Ford b 11-24-1939, David b 5-11-1946, Jane Ellen b 12-1-1952, Robin b 9-6-1954 Pamela Sue b

F Gladys b 12-24-1921 m 2-11-1941 Dan Padgett (G's) Bonnie b 12-27-1942, Ted b 5-31-1948.

F Floyd Jr. b 8-18-1924 m 2-11-1950 Lois Smith (G) Dianne Davis b 2-11-1951.

F Jessie Willard b 1-25-1927

F Doris Leona b 8-26-1934 m Lee Cook

F Jimmie Doyle b 8-26-1934

E **JACOB SCOTT COOPER** b 7-31-1896 d 1-7-1941 m 8-15-1915 ELLA THORNHILL COOK b 1-18-1888.

F Charlie Jacob h Chalmette, La.., b 5-20-1917 Mary Stout (G) Charles

F Scott m Betty Davis

F Kenneth 1st m Jim Woodward (G) Jimmy, 2nd m H. V. Major (G) Emily.

E **MAUD ETHEL COOPER** b 4-27-1900 d 3-56 SIDNEY LOFLIN b 5-22-1898 h Gulfport.

F Lorraine m D. D. Dauro h Long Beach (G's) Elaine, Dennis.

F Harlan V. h Gulfport m Eda Bell (G's) Peggie, Susan, Sidney H.

F Evelyn Faye m John Tooms (G's) John, Carol Anne h Gulfport.

F Yvone m Charles Gibson (G's) Debbie, Scott, Gregory, h Arlington, Va.

E **LEONA GERTRUDE COOPER** b 12-22-1901 m 5-25-1928 ANDREW ROBINSON b 3-25-1897 h Shreveport, La.

F Jordan Anthony b 12-7-1940.

D43 JAMES IRA COOPER (Continued)

E SADIE OPHELIA COOPER b 9-29-1904 m May 3 JOHN JONES h Covington, La.

E CLARRISA MAY COOPER b 7-4-1909 m 4-11-1928 HOMER CRUMP b 1-22-1905 h Shreveport, La.

F Marylin Joyce b 9-20-1929 m 11-27-1951 Joe V. Kidney (G) Richard Ray (adopted) b 12-22-1949.

F Patricia Elaine b 7-9-1931 m 12-30-1952 Roy G. Philiips b 2-26-1930.

F John David b 4-8-1935.

D44 WILLIAM SHELTON COOPER

"Shelt's" son, Elmer, was our chief source of information on this family until his death at Minneapolis in 1954. He was devoted to his father and to his mother who was Isabel Seal. He, with the help of his wife, Helen, Aunt Nancy Cooper Davis and Lydia Davis Loflin gave us the history of this family.

"Shelt's" son, Thomas Willis, lives at Glenmore, La.; Morris Acklin in Minneapolis, Minn. Lawton and his father, Shelton, lost their lives in an automobile accident in 1930. Willis Cooper lives in Glenmore, La., where he is a newswpaper publisher.

ALL CHILDREN, 1930

Willis, Lee, Acklin, Elmer, Laughton, Gertrude.

D44 WILLIAM SHELTON COOPER (Page 85) M. ch. G.ch.

E THOMAS WILLIS COOPER b 8-20-1884 m h Glenmore, La.

F Lamar Shelton h Baton Rouge

F William

F Lorraine m Kirkman Stubblefield (G's) Carolyn, Ruth.

D44 WILLIAM SHELTON COOPER (Continued) (Page 85)

E LEE HOBBS COOPER b 8-24-1889 d 1931 m MAMIE TALLULAH FARR
F Tula Mae m
F Nannie Bell m Turberville
F Beura m Walter Rowe h Greenville
F Patrick Harrison m

E MORRIS ACKLIN COOPER h Minneapolis, Minn. b 12-3-1894 m JESSIE BUCKMASTER
F Acklin Jr., m
F James m

E JABEZ ELMER COOPER b 10-14-1897 d 6-12-1954 m Helen h Minneapolis, Minn.

E LAWTON COOPER b 12-15-1900 d Nov. 1930 m JOSEPHINE VAN SLYKE.
F Marlan June.

E LOUISA GERTRUDE COOPER b 11-14-1902 d 3-1-1946 m
F Helen (adopted)

D45 REBECCA ANN COOPER SMITH

Rebecca Ann was married in Hancock County to Levi S. Smith by Rev. Hardy Smith, in 1882.

When family records are not kept, and so few had diaries , it is often impossible to secure accurate information; and in many cases, like this one, may be incomplete.

The marriage of this couple on Christmas day, 1882, presses our imagination. About this period, on popular wedding days, the boys and men from the country-side saddled up their horses and gathered at a point near where the ceremony was to be performed. When all were assembled and lined up on their horses and well keyed up for the occasion they, at a leaders signal, raced, stampeded and yelled to the appointed place for the wedding. It was called a "run up".

D45 REBECCA ANN COOPER SMITH (Page 85) M. ch. G. ch.

E JORDAN SMITH b 5-6-1885 1st. m. VERA MITCHELL.
F Shirley J. b 2-2-1918 m Russell B. Tagart (G's) Emma Lou b 7-15-1943, Frances Ann b 8-19-1946, Linda Sue b 2-4-1948, Paula Jo b 8-5-1949.
F Celia Jean b 8-14-1923 m Earl Dean Davidson (G) Deborah b 4-28-1947. 2nd m GERTRUDE PARKER BROCK

E MONROE SMITH b 7-16-1890 m MINERVA MITCHELL h New Orleans, La.
F Susie Josephine b 8-20-1909.
F Dora E. b 1-11-1914.

E LELA JOSEPHINE SMITH b 3-26-1893 d 1-23-1945 m WILLIAM C. MITCHELL b 4-1-1887.
F Morris b 2-18-1909 m 11-29-1933 Lucile McDuffie (G's) Shirley Faye b 3-5-1936, Arthur Ray b 8-15-1937, Larry Lynell b 5-9-1945.
F Nettie b 11-12-1910 m 11-3-1941 George Dozier.
F Otha b 5-25-1913 m 1-25-1942 Doris Tate (G's) Madeline Kay b 1-19-1944, Marianne Gail b 8-5-1946.
F Mizell b 2-3-1921 d 12-20-1929.

D45 REBECCA ANN COOPER SMITH (Continued)

E LENA B. SMITH b 7-22-1899 m 3-8-1914 JORDAN MITCHELL h Picayune b 12-23-1890.

F Hollis b 12-31-1916 1st. m Lovell Harriel (G's) Edward b 5-5-1937, Gloria b 10-22-1939 2nd m Dorothy Flowers (G) Lena Ruth b 10-22-1952.

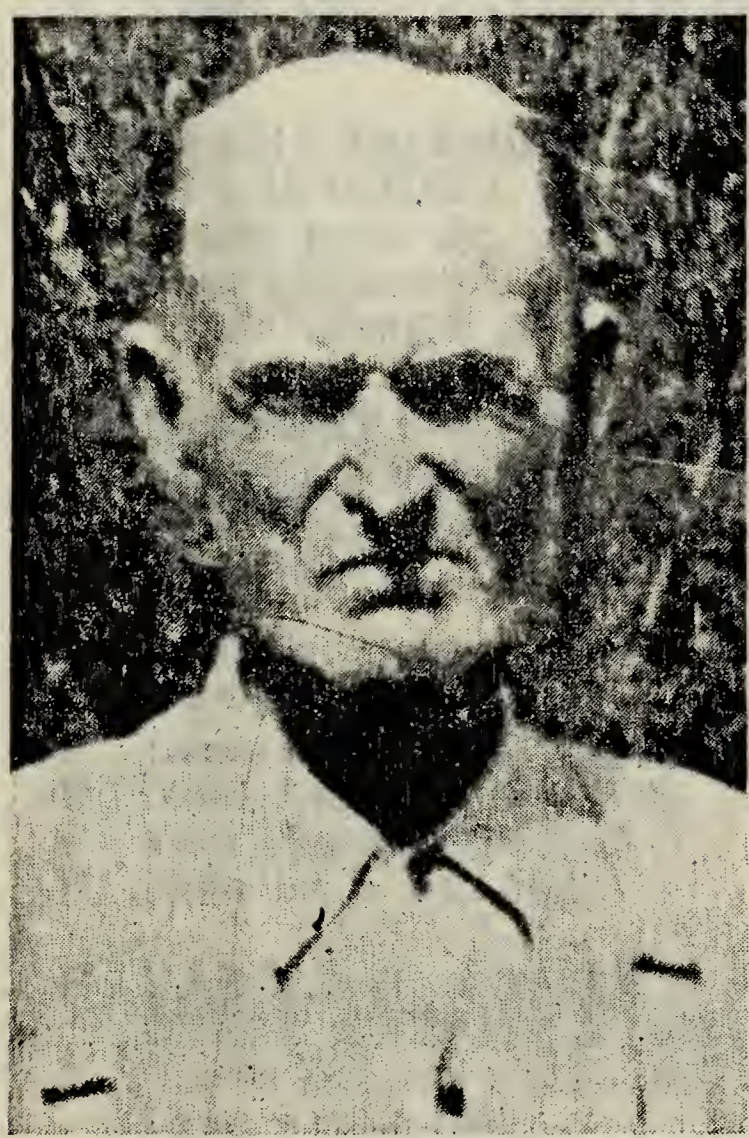
F Elgin b 5-22-1921 m Myrtle Alsobrook.

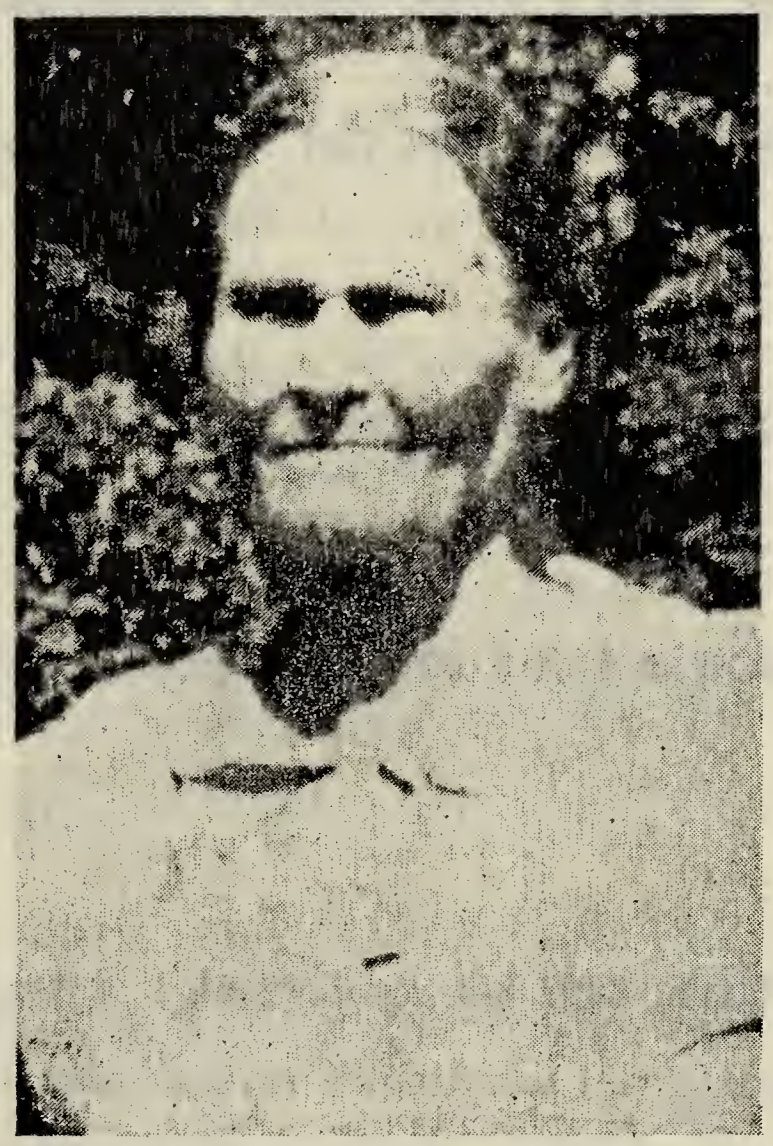
F Willie b 9-27-1927 m Natalie O'Berry (G's) Michael b 7-8-1950, Kenneth b 4-12-1952.

F Ruth b 11-3-1929 m Roy Trim.

E HERBERT SMITH b 1-8-1900 m LOUELLA COLLINS h Picayune.

D46 DANIEL CLAIBORNE COOPER





Daniel was named for our first known Davis kin to settle the Mississippi Territory (A) Daniel Davis and his grandson (C2) Daniel Peyton Davis who was a brother of Nancy Davis Cooper; and also, for his father, Cornelius Claiborne Cooper.

Dan and Delphine Cooper had nine children and have many grandchildren who remember them for their lovable spirit and kindliness. Dan could be firm when necessary but was a very friendly, honorable man who was highly respected by all who knew him.

Daniel Cooper lived his entire life in Pearl River County, which was Hancock for 23 years of his life. He was buried in the Caesar Baptist Church Cemetery where his grandparents, James and Elizabeth Worthy, were buried.

There are possible relations of Daniel and Delphine Mitchell Cooper, however close or remote, to such other old Hancock county families as Lee, Spiers and Davis .The marriages recorded in these pages alone show many connections.

D46 DANIEL CLAIBORNE COOPER (Continued)

D46 DANIEL CLAIBORNE COOPER (Page 85) M.ch. G. ch.
IDYLL DARRYL LOVING h Dallas, Tex.

E **HUBERT EDWARD COOPER** b 11-16-1898 m 2-20-1927.
F H. Edward, Jr. b 3-11-1928 m 6-1-1945 Doris Church (G)Daniel Cooper II b 4-10-1946.
F Darryl Idyll b 5-31-1932 m 6-1-1951 Harold Duncan (G) Larry Dale b 9-14-1952.

E **VERNA EDITH COOPER** b 10-6-1900 m 1-11-1922 LLLIS R. BOONE h. Carriere.
F Ryan Duane h Columbia b 3-20-1923 m 7-22-1944 Leola Morris.
F Peggy Dell b 3-28-1930 m 7-22-1952 James Dwight Smith h Reno, Nev.
F James Raymond b 11-15-1941.

E **VELMA DeLORIS COOPER** b 10-181902 m 1-27-1934 ROBERT ERVIN MITCHELL h Picayune.
F Robert Irvin, Jr., b 1-13-1935.
F Kent Claiborne b 2-1-1937.
F Velma Diane b 2-15-1939.

E **HULBERT COOPER** h Picayune b 10-15-1904 m 12-18-1930 ARDELLA PIGOTT b 7-29-1905.
F Daye Fay b 4-17-1933 m Nov. 17 Harry b Adams b 9-21-1931.
F Reginald Eric b 7-19-1938.

E **HOMER JAMES COOPER** b 8-27-1906 m 10-3-1940 DELLA ROSA DANIELS h Picayune.
F James Claiborne b 7-2-1941.
F Doyle Eugene b 9-9-1943.
F Vera Mae b 12-20-1945
F Christine b 9-22-1951.

E **HAROLD H. COOPER** h Picayune b 1-18-1909 m 6-3-1933 EDITH ODELL WATKINS b 12-2-1913.
F Harold Douglas b 5-27-1934 m 6-1-1951 Audrey Faye Jones (G) Sharon Lynn b 10-4-1952.
F Jacqueline Odell b 2-10-1937 m 8-11-1952 David Wilson Mitchell (G) William Robert.
F William Robert b 10-9-1943.
F Michael Gay b 8-23-1947.

E **VERNA VERLEE COOPER** b 4-13-1911 d 2-12-1944 m 3-28-1937 MERDOCK CHARLES BRELAND.
F Charles Donald b 10-3-1942.

E **VERGIE COOPER** b 8-16-1914 m 11-22-1935 RUDOLPH CLAUDE DAVIS, h Carriere.
F Margaret Ann b 6-17-1937.
F Claude Oliver b 4-20-1941.

D47 THOMAS R. COOPER No M. ch. (Page 86)

D48 JOSEPHINE COOPER SMITH

Josephine married Wiley Smith and they had nine children and many grandchildren to enjoy prior to her death in 1935.

This daughter of Nancy Davis Cooper served as help-mate and inspiration for prosperous living.

Wiley Smith is living with his daughter, Mrs. Hattie Smith Gibson, Biloxi, Miss. in August 1954, and is in vigorous condition for one of 81 years of age and who lived an active life as farmer, livestockman, business speculator and banker. Although he followed very largely the farmer-cattleman pattern of Hancock and Pearl River County citizens of his era, he was more successful than the average, and at the time of his wife's death in 1935 was rated high among the most enterprising citizens of the Picayune area. Though he has survived the death of Josephine, whom he married at 21 years of age, for a period of 19 years, the loss of her living presence, inspiration and encouragement has been reflected in the lack of spirit of thrift and business ambition and drive which characterized his and her success for four decades. A man of oustanding personality and a great capacity for love, he still enjoys his many friends and the respect and care of his children and many grandchildren.

D48 JOSEPHINE COOPER SMITH (Page 86) M. ch. G. ch.

E **ELSIE SMITH** b 6-4-1897 d 3-7-1935 m 5-26-1920 EARL E. MITCHELL d 8-1-1952.
F Grace Gwendolyn b 3-13-1921 m 4-14-1944 Morrison P. Thomas d 10-2-1951.
F Glen Grafton b 4-16-1926 m 5-22-1949 Daisy Savarese b 11-12-1926.
F Garland Ethredge b 9-10-1928 m 11-11-1951 Barbara Prafki (G) Michael Earl b 9-20-1952.
F Gloria Dell b 6-1-1930 m 8-8-1952 Dempsey McCrary (G) Paul Terry b 7-22-1953.

E **STELLA SMITH** b 2-22-1899 m 2-20-1921 JAMES ALLEN GIBSON b 4-9-1900, h Picayune.
F Mavis Yvonne b 2-9-1922 m 7-10-1938 Connis Leroy Mason (G's) Nona Kaye b 3-29-1941, Kenneth Leroy b 9-28-1943.

E **HATTIE SMITH** b 8-8-1902 m 4-13-1924 GIDEON GIBSON b 8-15-1897 h Biloxi.
F Dale b 10-5-1937.

E **HESTER SMITH** b 10-19-1905 m 9-24-1924 RALPH MILLER h Picay- b 5-25-1899.
F Oma Joyce b 5-10-1925 m 10-26-1945 Richard Albert Spensley.
F Ruth Joline b 3-12-1927 d 4-26-1927.
F Joria Janice b 6-30-1929 m 9-23-1949 Lecil Lystra Lee b 7-3-1927 (G) Kathy Marlene b 9-11-1951.
F Emma Jean b 12-1-1931.
F Gary Oneal b 8-19-1937.

E **RUBY SMITH** b 8-16-1913 m 5-15-1935 PRENTISS FRANCIS PENTON b 10-13-1910 h Corpus Christi, Texas.
F Norma Faye b 6-13-1936.

D49 HENRY AMBROSE COOPER

Henry Ambrose Cooper married Malezer Alexander in 1898. Ambrose is the youngest son of Cornelius and Nancy Davis Cooper, although two of his four sisters were younger than he. They are: Elizabeth Adeline and Isabelle. The two older are Rebecca and Josephine. It is interesting to note how frequently the above given names of females appear in this book.

Henry Ambrose and wife

Nancy Elizabeth Davis Cooper, who was named after her mother and an aunt, enjoyed family pride. Henry Ambrose was named for her brother, Henry Frank Davis; James I., was named for his father's father and her father; William, for a brother; Daniel for her brother, who was given the name of her grandfather; Josephine, Elizabeth and Rebecca are personal names found frequently among the females of her mother's, Elizabeth Worthy Davis family.

Ambrose Cooper represented the Nancy Davis Cooper line as the only surviving Cooper grandchild of Elizabeth Worthy Davis at the Mother's Day meeting at Caesar in 1954. A picture of him and other living first cousins at the meeting appears in the first part of this book. Most of Ambrose's active life was devoted to farming. He has lived the life of a useful, honest, upright citizen and his children, and their children, can find much in his life to cherish and emulate. The children of H. Ambrose Cooper were reared in the Perkinston and Wiggins area of Stone Co., Miss.

D49 HENRY AMBROSE COOPER (Page 86) M. ch. G. ch.

E **OUIDA COOPER** b 2-22-1900 1st m OSCAR EVANS HAIRSTON d 1939
F Norman A. b 1-1-1920 m Josephine McDaniel (G's) James b 9-19-1939, Linda Ann b 7-10-1945, Frank 12-4-1947.
F Charles F. b 7-3-1933 m Lola Chevers (G's) Randy b 10-28-1954, Brenda Sue b 11-24-1955.
2nd m 7-3-1940 HILBERT SEAL h Wiggins.

E **OTHO COOPER** b 11-22-1904 m 12-28-1929 VIOLA BRELAND, h Perkinston.
F Charles Clozell h Memphis, Tenn., b 6-28-1930 m Dec. 1954 Christine Bond (G) Rhonda Diane b 2-8-1956.
F Edward Donell b 5-8-1942.

E **OAKLEY TURNER COOPER** b 6-6-1907 m 5-5-1934 HAZEL SCARBOROUGH b 12-25-1916 h Perkinston.
F Robert Gary b 2-25-1935 h Perkinston.
F Shirley Jean b 11-8-1936 h Perkinston.
F Betty Rose b 8-31-1938 h Perkinston.
F William Cornelius b 10-25-1940 h Perkinston.

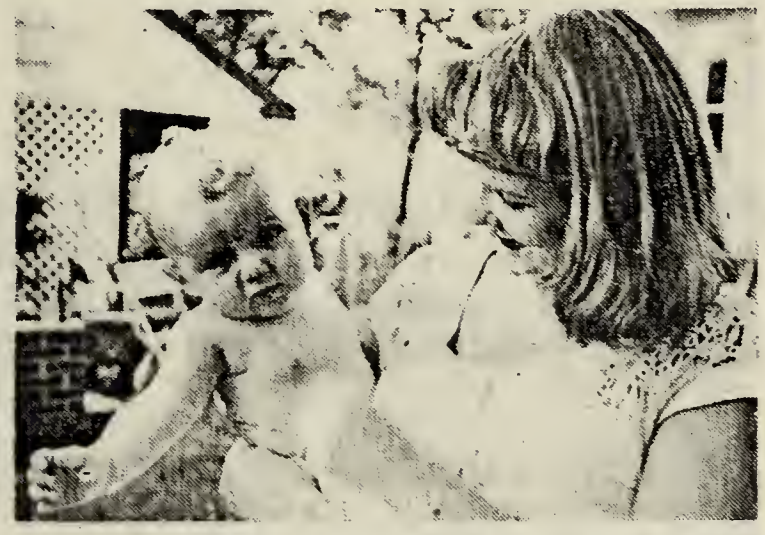
D49 HENRY AMBROSE COOPER (Continued)

E OPHELIA COOPER b 4-15-1915 1st m HOUSTON EVANS
F Billy L. h Gulfport b 7-20-1933 m 10-22-1952 Juanita Richburg (G's) Hope Ann b 10-28-1953, Mark b 10-3-1954.
2nd m 3-19-1934 CHARLIE BOND h Gulfport.
F Myrtle b 11-14-1939.
F Charlie Payne b 2-20-1944.
F Mary Lou b 1-29-1947.
F Melba Eleane b 4-4-1949.

E ONEATA COOPER b 6-15-1918 m 11-23-1945 McKINLEY POWERS.
F William Henry b 2-20-1948.
F Gloria Jean b 4-3-1950.

D50 ELIZABETH ADELINE COOPER FLOWERS

Last residence, 1950



Patricia, granddaughter and baby

Elizabeth Adeline Cooper married Rev. Thomas McBride Flowers in 1900. Adeline was born in Hancock County near the burial place of James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis, for whom she was named. Elizabeth Adeline died in 1951 while living with her daughter Josephine Flowers Tay, Martinsburg, W. Va., and was buried in George Washington Memorial Park, White Marsh, Penn.

She was the wife of a Baptist preacher who was a seaman for a number of years prior to his Christian service and whose genuine conversion to the Christian way of life, after his marriage, led him into many southern states as a crusading missionary. Adeline was denied the opportunity to live much of her married life among her people in what became Pearl River County, Miss. However, the radiance of her personality, the charm of her vivacious maner; and, especially the love and loyalty she had for the land of her birth and her many relatives, made her one of the most popular and beloved of the Davis-Worthy-Cooper descendants. The place of her birth and burial, with the number of places in between where she and Thomas McBride Flowers gave the best of their lives in Christian service to others, symbolize the two great virtues recognized by all who were blessed with the sunshine and inspiration of her presence; love for overall Davis-Cooper relatives, and her abiding faith and trust in God.

It is no wonder that "Addie", who was so capable of family and divine love, and "Mack" Flowers, who exercised great zeal as a Christian to uplift the men and women of farm and factory, have given to society six noble sons and daughters, despite the untimely death of their father in 1919. At this time Ayesha, the oldest daughter, who also married a minister, was 17 years of age. The Rev. Flowers was buried at Salisbury, N. C.

D50 ELIZABETH ADELINE COOPER FLOWERS (Page 86) M. ch. G. ch.

E AYESHA FLOWERS b 9-17-1902 m 7-6-1922 CHARLES ANDERSON h Sacramento, Calif.
F Ellen Hamilton b 7-3-1923 m 5-17-1953 George Sanford Ryder b 10-28-1918.
F Ellane b 7-3-1923 m 5-20-1944 Henry James Vreeland (G's) Roger Allen b 1-1-1949, Jane Ellen b 6-22-1953.

E ATHENE INEZ FLOWERS b 9-30-1904 m 1-1-1937 GRADY LAWRENCE ROARK b 9-30-1904 h Schenectady, N. Y.
F Gregory Lee b 4-26-1945.

E WILEY JAMES FLOWERS b 10-6-1906 m 7-4-1932 MARGARET ELIZABETH GANSTOPH.
F Wiley James, Jr. b 9-13-1933.
F Joyce b 7-1-1941.
F Ronald b 8-12-1944.

E ALPHA JOSEPHINE FLOWERS b 12-2-1908 m 10-11-1931. ROBERT LARCUM TAY b 6-30-1908 h Martinsburg, W. Va.
F Patricia Ann b 6-20-1932 m 4-6-1951 Frances Mattlage Snodgrass h Martinsburg, W. Va., b 1-30-1928 (G's) Francis Mattlage, Jr., b 2-9-1952, Mary Elizabeth b 8-19-1953.

E RICHARD HALPIN FLOWERS 6-25-1913 m 8-18-1933 OLA MAE ADAMS b 1-31-1911 h Saucier.

E WILBUR CRAWFORD FLOWERS b 2-8-1916 m 3-20-1940 PEARL CLARENCE OLIVER h Riverton, N. J.

D51 Unmarried (Page 86)

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

We take advantage of this opening at the end of this chapter to justly recognize two inconspicuous people.

Since October, 1955, the rough draft of this book passed many hands before anyone would accept the task. Since January, 1956, two people have averaged 10 hours per day for four full months—and a third has given valued time through late hours into many nights.

Coordinating another man's work was strenuous and very trying. It could not have been completed in due course and would not have been completed at all by the coordinator without the hard work, encouragement, and loyal support of two people. They are Jessie Lola Davis and Mary Frances Davis, who will be surprised by this recognition in the last lines written for this book. We will always be grateful.

C5 HENRY FRANK DAVIS

Henry Frank Davis and Anna Cooper Davis

This fifth child of James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis was born in Copiah County in 1842, just before his parents moved to what was then Hancock, now Pearl River County, in 1844. He married Anna Cooper who was a sister of Cornelius who married Nancy Davis.

Frank and Anna had 10 children plus 43 grandchildren by 1955 and many great grandchildren in the 113 years since his birth. This family lived on a farm in that area and like most of the earlier settlers they raised cattle, sheep and hogs when hunting and fishing in the virgin forests and streams was both profitable and a source of food supply for those large families.

It is interesting to observe the names of the seven children and 77 grandchildren of James and Elizabeth Davis in the Key Index of this book. Most of the seven children named a daughter for their mother and all seven families have at least, one named for her, or her brothers and sisters. Evidently this mother of Frank was a most outstanding, charming woman whose strength of character was passed on to all who are blood kin.

C5 HENRY FRANK DAVIS (Page 27) M. ch. G.ch.

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	No. Ch.
D52	SARAH E. DAVIS	12-3-1860	4- 5-1952	11
	m 6-7-1887 h	Pages 100-101		
	GEORGE WASHINGTON SPIERS			11
E	Virgina	3-26-1878		2
E	Bessie Ann	2-24-1880		11
E	Carolyna	1-13-1883		6
E	James C.	1-18-1885		5
E	Thomas D.	4-20-1887	6- -1911	2
E	William A.	11-15-1889		7
E	Bertha Jane	2- 2-1892		
E	George Albert	12-15-1897	12-27-1953	4
E	Lorena Mae	5- 9-1897	9-17-1914	
E	Izella	4-17-1900		4
E	Sarah Etta	10- 4-1904		1
D53	MARY CAROLINE DAVIS	11-15-1863	3-26-1942	9
	m 6-3-1888 h	Pages 101-102		
	C. DUNNON SMITH	4-13-1867	4-14-1936	9
E	Nancy Annie	4-14-1889		6
E	William	12-25-1891		2
E	Nathaniel	12-23-1893	2-26-1943	2
E	Lucy	1- 7-1895	8-22-1918	1
E	Homer	3-26-1899		4
E	Pete	3-16-1900		
E	Eliza	2-23-1902	d. infant	
E	Brother	7- 7-1903	d. infant	
E	Emmaline	3-23-1904		4
D54	JAMES H. F. DAVIS	11-20-1865	7-21-1939	14
	1st m 7-12-1885 h	Pages 102-103		
	MARGARET ANN SMITH		8-28-1895	4
E	Russell	7-11-1886	5-20-1928	3
E	John Boyd	10-16-1887		2
E	Misouri Ann	7- 6-1890		6
E	Nancy Elizabeth	9- 5-1892		10
	2nd m 5-3-1897			
	MARY E. LANDRUM		1- 1-1918	10
E	Lou Ella	7- 3-1898		8
E	Lillie	12-18-1899		2
E	Allye	7-17-1902		2
E	Dora	11- 7-1904		4
E	Lena	9- 7-1906		1
E	Edgar Wilton	10-29-1908		1
E	Julius Labern	9-17-1910		8
E	Edith	11-12-1912		4
E	Esther Pearl	5- 3-1914		
E	James Curtis	3-19-1916	10-17-1946	1
	3rd m Sept. 1918			
	MARGARET SMITH			

C5 HENRY FRANK DAVIS (Continued)

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	No. Ch.
D55	EMMALINE DAVIS	3-14-1868	4-26-1939	9
	m 4-20-1886 h	Pages 103-105		
	LUCIUS LANDRUM	2- 2-1857	10- -1940	9
E	Ethie	1-26-1887	4- -1893	
E	Eugenia Josephine	1-28--1889		3
E	Elmer Alfred	12-14-1891		5
E	Luler Quincy	4-13-1894		10
E	Carrie	8-13-1896		12
E	Arvy Plumer	9-17-1899		3
E	Genevia Aline			1
E	Maluva	7-16-1904		9
E	Ineta	9-23-1906		3
D56	NANCY F. DAVIS	3-20-1870	8- 7-1953	7
	m 9-6-1890 h Pearl River Co.	Pages 105-106		
	ALMO DEDEAUX		8-30-1947	7
E	Elizabeth	7- 2-1894		4
E	Harmon	1- 7-1896		2
E	Emmaline	7-20-1898		
E	Homer	10-29-1900		5
E	Cora	2- 2-1903		
E	Frances	9-18-1905		
E	Hugo	6-20-1908		3
D57	JOSEPHINE DAVIS	2-27-1874	2-22-1953	10
	9-18-1892 h	Pages 106 - 107		
	PETER P. SMITH	1-13-1866	11- 6-1919	10
E	John Isaac	6- 7-1895	12- 9-1944	
E	Missouri Magnolia	2- 7-1897		3
E	Nathan Miles	3-24-1899		5
E	James Griffin	8-18-1901		
E	Daniel Franklin	9-10-1903		
E	Lucy Ann	3-26-1907	8- 9-1939	1
E	Cora Catherine	3-29-1909		3
E	Ella	10- 6-1911	3- -1912	
E	Peter Andrew	11-18-1913		3
E	Emaline Willie Mae	1-10-1919		
D58	GEORGE W. DAVIS	1876	12-12-1953	4
	m	h Pearl River Co.	Pages 107-108	
	MARY LOUISA FLEMMING			4
E	Loyd D.			2
E	Roy			1
E	Floy			1
E	Flora		d	
D59	JOHN MIZELL DAVIS	7- 3-1880		3
	m 12-19-1901 h Picayune	Page 108		
	CORINE PIGOTT			3
E	Bruce O.	10- 5-1903		3
E	Cecil A.	4- 8-1906		
E	Mae	5-21-1909		6

C5 HENRY FRANK DAVIS (Continued)

D60	ELIZA JANE DAVIS	4- 5-1883	2-23-1945	6
	m 12-11-1902 h	Page 108		
	EUGENE C. PIGOTT			6
E	Ardella	7-29-1905		2
E	Alma A.	7-30-1909		2
E	Zelma E.	9-24-1912		
E	Ruth	7-15-1916		2
E	Phonsie E.	6-19-1919		1
E	Eugene C. Jr.	7-30-1922		2

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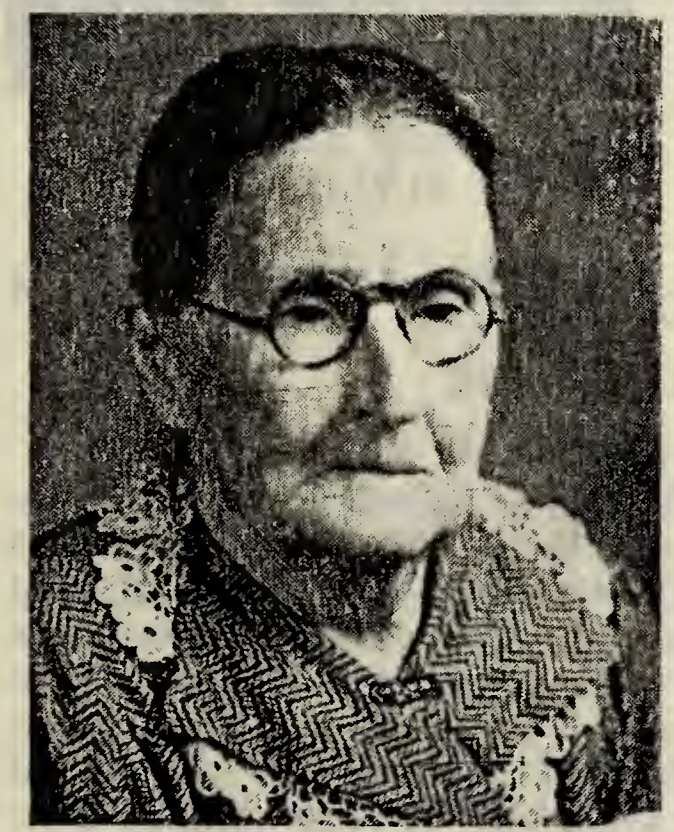
D52 SARAH ELIZABETH DAVIS SPIERS



Sarah E. Davis Spiers

The marriage of Elizabeth to George Washington Spiers produced a large family. Inability to show a complete record of all their descendants is regretted. Her daughter Bertha (Mrs. J. J. Smith) reported their descendants in 1952 as follows: Eleven children, 42 grandchildren, 68 great grandchildren and 30 great, great grandchildren.

Most of these families live in Pearl River County where Elizabeth's grandfather James Davis settled in 1844. The Spiers were also earlier settlers there and George's father was Alexander Spiers.

Sarah Elizabeth Davis Spiers, like many of her first cousins, lived to be 92 years of age.

D52 SARAH ELIZABETH DAVIS SPIERS (Page 98) M. ch. G. ch.

E VIRGINIA SPIERS b 3-26-1878 m A. W. THIGPEN h Picayune.

E BESSIE ANN SPIERS b 2-24-1880 m 11-18-1897 SAMUEL LEE, h Picayune.

F Harmon b 11-11-1898.
F August b 8-5-1901.
F R. Griffin b 7-22-1903.
F Ira Barton b 9-5-1905.
F Francis Washington b 8-5-1907.
F Hulon Estus b 12-10-1909.
F Tracy b 3-19-1912.
F Arnold Wilson b 12-21-1914.
F Lorena Mae b10-11-1916.
F Infant b 10-10-1918 d 10-10-1918.
F George Waldon b 3-7-1921 d World War II.
F Bertha Leah b 7-11-1923.

D52 SARAH ELIZABETH DAVIS SPIERS (Continued)

Bessie and Mother
About 1946

E CAROLYNA SPIERS b 1-13-1883 m JOSEPH M. PEARSON, h Picayune.

E JAMES C. SPIERS b 1-18-1885 m MARGARET LEE h Picayune.

E THOMAS DELOACH SPIERS b 4-20-1887 d June 1911 m JEANNIE LANDRUM.

E WILLIAM A. SPIERS b 11-15-1889 m BETTY AGNES POUNDS h Picayune.

E BERTHA JANE SPIERS b 2-2-1892 m JAMES JORDAN SMITH h Picayune.

E GEORGE ALBERT SPIERS b 12-15-1897 d 12-27-1953 m 1923 BLANCHE CHISOLM.

E IZELLA SPIERS b 4-17-1900 m H. G. WELBORN h Picayune.

E SARAH ETTA SPIERS b 10-4-1904 m S. L. FERGUSON h Picayune.

D53 MARY CAROLINE DAVIS

When Caroline Davis married C. Dunnon Smith, in 1888, large forests of virgin pines could be seen for hundreds of miles. In their time, small churches were established many miles apart and usually located on a hillside nearby a spring which supplied water for the congregation and a stream to water their horses or oxen. Meetings were generally held once a month and were usually well attended by all the families. Going to church was an occasion as home made quilts were spread upon wagon bodies for the children to load upon for the few miles journey, usually with baskets of food. The older children often walked ahead of the wagons: and having to wear their Sunday shoes, they more often tied the strings together for over-the-shoulder carriage. Before reaching the church gathering, they usually stopped at a stream to wash their feet and put on their brogan shoes. Some who had snagged the tough skin on the bottom of their feet on a "lightered knot" suffered agony as it dried.

One can be sure that Caroline and Dunnon drove the winding three path roads of their day surrounded with much of the beauty of nature and the pleasures of nine children.

D53 MARY CAROLINE DAVIS SMITH (Page 98) M. ch. G. ch.

E NANCY ANNIE SMITH b 4-14-1889 1st m 1908 WILBERT LADNER
F Infant b 1912 d 1912.
F Colon b 1914 m 1935 Iress Lee (G's) Bettie Gene b 1941, Biily Ray b 1943.
F Nolan b 1917 1st m 1936 Lessie Fay Smith (G's) Deloris b 1937, Genett b 1938, Louise b 1941 2nd m 1946 Lena Johnson (G) Buddy b 1948.
F Welton b 1921 m 1939 Stella Lee (G's Ronnie b 1944, Reggie b 1946, Rafford b 1950.
F Infants b 1930 d 1930.
2nd m 1949 MONROE SMITH

D53 MARY CAROLINE DAVIS (Continued)

E WILLIAM FRANKLIN SMITH b 12-5-1891 m 1919 LORA MAE SPIERS 2nd m. ALMA LORENA WHEAT.
F Nettie Mae b 1937.
F Betty Lucile

E NATHANIEL SMITH b 12-23-1893 d 2-26-1943 m LULA SHAW
F Infant d
F Andy

E LUCY SMITH b 1-7-1895 d 8-22-1918 m PAUL HANCOCK.
F Earl.

E HOMER SMITH b 3-26-1899 m 1918 JESSIE SMITH.
F Velma b 12-23-1920.
F Vera Mae b 6-25-1934.
F Pauline b 9-24-1935.
F Hershell b 6-18-1938.

E PETE SMITH b 3-16-1900 m 4-15-1922 EVA DEDEAUX.

E EMMALINE SMITH b 3-23-1904 1st m JOHN J. BLANCHARD 2nd m B. J. DEDEAUX.
F Iona H b 12-17-1922
F Odis b 10-2-1925.
F Henry T. b 11-12-1929.
F Hazel W. b 5-26-1933.

D54 JAMES HENRY FRANK DAVIS

J. H. F. Davis was named for his father and Grandfather James Davis. He first married Margaret Ann Smith, daughter of James and Harriett Smith, in 1885. They had four children who lost this mother when the youngest, Nancy Elizabeth, was only three years old. Henry Frank married again two years later to Mary E. Landrum and to them there was born ten children from 1898 to 1916. This mother lived until 1946 but the children and grandchildren were blessed with the wise counsel of their father and grandfather to the ripe age of 84.

J. H. F. Davis was a successful farmer and banker. However, his greatest achievement was the success he made of his life as a stable and progressive citizen. As a man of fine personality, honesty and dependability, he was held in very high esteem by all who knew him. James Henry Frank Davis was buried July 21, 1939 but his influence will live in the lives of others through future generations even as he inherited fine qualities and benefitted by worthy example. Most of his children and grandchildren live in Pearl River County in the vicinity of Picayune.

D54 JAMES HENRY FRANK DAVIS (Page 98) M. ch. G. ch.

E RUSSELL DAVIS b 7-11-1886 d 5-20-1928 m SUSAN PIGOTT.
F's Vergie, Ouida, Ouina.

E JOHN BOYD DAVIS b 10-16-1887 m LITHA STOCKSTILL.
F's Vestal, Johnny Merle.

E MISSOURI ANN DAVIS b 7-6-1889 m LEWIS PIGOTT h Picayune
F Toxie b 8-25-1911 m Nora Ethel Wright h Picayune.
F Esco b 11-16-1912.
F Harold d. m Marilyn Welborn (G's) Barbara Lynn, Stephit
F Bernie b 3-3-1920 m Lyndal Booth.

D54 JAMES HENRY FRANK DAVIS (Continued)

F Ostez b 9-24-1923 m Octavie Burks (G) John Raymond h Picayune.
F Laree b 8-24-1925 m Garland Burge (G's) Louis Garland, John Michael h Picayune.

E **NANCY ELIZABETH DAVIS** b 9-5-1892 m JAMES P. PIGOTT.
F's Verdie, Horace, Maurice Vernon, Yvonne, Laverne, Waldo, Wilda, Daries, Darrell.

E **LOU ELLA DAVIS** b 7-3-1898 m LEWIS MITCHELL.
F's Edna Mae, Hershell, Basil, Leamon, Oneal, Ruby Nell, Harlon h Picayune, Myrna Loy.

E **LILLIE DAVIS** b 12-18-1899 m EARL FLEMING.
F's Gladys Marie, Doris.

E **OLLIE DAVIS** b 7-17-1902 m LESTER HANDLEY.
F's Bonnie Jean, James Donald.

E **DORA DAVIS** b 11-7-1904 m ROBERT W. SMITH.
F's Auburn, Bobby Lee, Larry, Kent.

LENA DAVIS b 9-7-1906 m S. S. RUTHERFORD.
F Beth.

E **EDGAR WILTON DAVIS** b 10-29-1908 m RUBY BOONE DAVIS.
F Mary Evelyn.

E **JULIUS L. DAVIS** b 9-17-1910 1st. m MARY DELL BEECH.
F's Yvonne, Farrell, James, Delane, Terry.
2nd m. ARELLA CUEVAS
F's Judith, Tony, Billy.

E **EDITH DAVIS** b 11-12-1912 m CHARLIE WARREN.
F Two infants, Mary Louise, Janice.
2nd m. JACK MAYFIELD h Slidell, La.

E **ESTHER DAVIS** b 5-3-1914 m E. W. HARRELL.

E **JAMES CURTIS DAVIS** b 3-19-1916 d 10-17-1946 m HAZEL HARRIS.
F Karen Harris.

D55 EMMALINE DAVIS LANDRUM

An April bride, Emmaline married Lucius Landrum in the spring of 1886 when the joy of that occasion was matched by the unfolding of all life in the virgin woodland. In this era before the forests were cleared, the great Master Painter gave forth with a beauty each Spring, as only nature can provide. The trails leading through untouched acres of blooming dogwood and around unboxed timbers on which squirrels romped and the mocking birds burst forth with their inspiring mating songs; down by the clear running streams where all nature stirred in an air fragrant with the bloom of the yellow jasmine and wild honeysuckle.

Our grandmothers had joys in their youth and a natural beauty beyond compare. Many of them won the hearts of our grandfathers on a Sunday afternoon stroll while picking violets.

Who among us have not enjoyed such a spring day when all the world was sunny? We like to think that Emmaline and Lucius did.

D55 EMMALINE DAVIS LANDRUM (Page 99) M. ch. G. ch.

E **EUGENIA LANDRUM** b 1-28-1889 1st m 2-2-1905 THOMAS D. SPIERS b 4-20-1887.

F Verna B. b 6-21-1907 m 6-20-1925 Walter E. Godchaux (G) Billy Edmund b 3-28-1933 m Pauline Ladner b 3-29-1934 (H) Billy Howell b 1-5-1952.

F Samuel P. b 12-16-1910 d 1-6-1950.
2nd m 8-13-1920 THOMAS GORDON.

F Granville Hollis b 10-12-1922 m 9-9-1924 Miram Culpepper b 9-9-1924 (G's) Tessa Erlene b 6-22-1944, Gerald Ketith b 10-5-1946, Kathy Annette b 8-25-1948, Connie Gene b 8-24-1951.

E **ELMER ALFRED LANDRUM** b 12-14-1891 m 4-20-1915 ELLEN SPIERS b 1895 h Carriere.

F Ona Lee b 6-24-1916 m 9-12-1942 J. W. Kelly (G) Rebecca Sue b 1-6-1950.

F Irese b 8-3-1919 m 9-12-1942 Kenneth McKellip (G's) Douglas Randy b 9-25-1943, Juan Ellen b 2-5-1946, Martha Lynn b 12-15-1952.

F Fred Lynell b 3-29-1925 d 11-21-1944 m 3-13-1944 Jacqueline Stafford.

F Olan M. b 9-25-1927 m 8-5-1945 Joyce Mitchell (G) Olan Reginald b 12-2-1947.

F Melva Ree b 8-28-1937.

E **LULER QUINCY LANDRUM** b 4-13-1894 m 11-1-1914 AGNESS b 7-20-1899.

F Alfred Forest b 4-19-1915.

F Easter Barnelia b 6-17-1916 m 1-4-1932 Cleophus Davis b 2-4-1915 (G's) Burlon D. b 10-1-1933, m 12-7-1953, Betty Neil Robinson b 3-4-1936 (G) James Durwood b 4-16-1937, Mickey Ray b 5-16-1939.

F James E. b 12-19-1918 m 3-26-1938 Willie Mae Bounds b 1-21-1917 (G's) Beverly Gail b 12-4-1938, Wanda Wanell b 10-13-1942.

F Ossie Mae b 3-8-1921 m 6-26-1937 Jessie Leon Davis (G) Roy Errol b 8-25-1939.

F Lois b 7-27-1923 m 1-3-1943 George J. Russell h Picayune b 7-16-1912.

F Evan D. b 6-22-1925 m 12-4-1946 Mary K. Champion b 8-15-1929. (G's) Evan D. Jr. b 6-12-1948, Jeffrey Lynn b 1-6-1951.

F Vondell Nesta b 9-4-1927 m 10-13-1945 Laverne Davis.

F Dixie Yvone Landrum b 9-18-1929 m 5-22-1946 Linton Evander Lee b 12-17-1924 (G) Linda Donnette b 10-31-1948.

F Gary Lyndell b 8-22-1934 m 6-2-1950 Doyce Bounds b 9-14-1933 (G) Brenda Cherrel b 4-20-1951.

F Howard K. b. 9-12-1936.

E **CARRIE LANDRUM** b 8-13-1896 m 8-11-1914 MONROE EDWARD TATE b 11-15-1891.

F Lester Brenard b 7-18-1915 m 5-27-1944 Dora Mitchell b 3-6-1929.

F Rita b 1-9-1917 m J. C. Spiers (G's) Bobby b 11-30-1939, Moonyean, Joe.

F Marvin O. b 8-25-1919 m 4-16-1944 Helen Sampson (G's) Edward C. b 1-16-1945, Carolyn Ann b 1-29-1946, Dorothy Mae b 2-7-1949.

F James Lucius b 10-23-1921 m 3-27-1944 Elerie Johnnie Bankston (G) Peggy Ann b 1-22-1946.

F Edward Claudell b 12-22-1924 m 7-7-1945 Kathleen Jenkins (G's) Donald Joseph 2-15-1947, Richard Earl b 6-13-1949, Russell C. b 2-22-1951.

F Eula V. b 6-2-1926 m 7-5-1942 Earl Eugene Daniels b 6-2-1926 (G's) Linda Mae b 4-9-1943, James Eugene b 9-2-1944, Paulette b 5-2-1946,

Clara Mae b 9-13-1947, Shirley Rose b 2-14-1949.
F Elton Maurice b 4-6-1928 m 9-2-1950 Juanita Brewer (G's) Deborah Dean b 11-16-1951, Jimmie Alton b 11-14-1952, Randall Maurice b 1-23-1954.
F Willie Marcel b 11-12-1930.
F Joy Marie b 1-10-1933 m 1-7-1950 Earl Brewer b 1-15-1933 (G's) Raymond Earl b 5-10-1952, Rodney Coy b 6-29-1953.
F Clara J. b 11-21-1935 m 6-23-1950 Jessie Brewer (G's) Evelyn Diane b 7-30-1952, Barbara Ann b 1-29-1954.
F Coy Everett b 3-30-1937.
F Ouida Mae b 2-13-1940.

E **ARVY PLUMER LANDRUM** b 9-17-1899 m 4-25-1942 HAZEL FRIERSON b 12-31-1909.
F James Boyden b 2-22-1943.
F Sherry Ann b 10-7-1945.
F Larry Dale b 8-8-1947.

E **GENEVIA ALINE LANDRUM** m 7-1-1939 LEWIS ARTHUR BOUNDS b 7-10-1897.
F Arthur Doyce b 7-12-1941.

E **MALUVIA LANDRUM** b 7-16-1904 m 9-9-1919 FORD FLEMING b 10-4-1897.
F J. T. b 10-10-1920 m 6-19-1939 Valiree Jones b 8-6-1920 (G's) Jeanette b 9-2-1940, Steve b 12-14-1941, Melba b 10-8-1943, Linda b 12-18-1949, Troy b 3-6-1951.
F Carl V. b 3-9-1924 m 3-22-1944 Bertha Lee Bounds b 3-8-1927 (G) C. Vernon b 12-21-1946.
F Hayward b 7-6-1927 m 8-18-1945 Agnes Bounds b 6-14-1929 (G's) Hayward Jr. b 3-7-1948, Eunice Diane b 2-23-1950.
F Oswald A. b 1-11-1930 m 5-10-1952 Mary Ella Ballard b 5-27-1933 (G) Michael Donahue b 5-21-1954.
F Hilda b 8-23-1932 m 9-13-1950 Houston C. Lee b 1-5-1925 (G) Rohmal b 8-1-1952.
F Douglas D. b 7-21-1935 m 3-6-1954 Joan Lott b 10-22-1934.
F Odessa b 6-22-1937 m 2-20-1953 Guy Thomas Burge b 6-22-1937.
F Paul F. b 10-8-1940.
F Lavada b 11-17-1942.

E **INETA GERTRUDE LANDRUM** b 9-23-1906 m 10-10-1922 MORRIS EZELL BOUNDS b 1-21-1900.
F Garland Ezell b 11-25-1927 m 8-26-1945 Frances A. Bounds b 4-13-1928 (G's) Garland Ezell Jr. b 2-28-1948, Cynthia Ilene b 8-18-1951.
F Nelda Faye b 2-191930 m 6-20-1948 Emory Carroll b 9-2-1918.
F Julia Mae b 7-23-1934 m Duane Whitfield b 7-23-1934 (G) Clyde Derwin b 8-2-1952.

D56 NANCY FRANCES DAVIS DEDEAUX

Nancy Frances Davis married Almo Dedeaux. Almo was a farmer whose primary concern was the welfare and happiness of his family. The spirit of family love is a tradition that is cherished by his descendants—the many families are one in attitude and cooperation. The Dedeauxs liv-

ed in Pearl River County where most of their offspring now live. The Dedeaux ancestors of Almo were Hancock County immigrants from France. Almo's father was Benard Dedeaux born in Harrison County, April 10, 1833 and died November 8, 1989. His wife was Josephine Necaise. Benard Dedeaux was a veteran of the Civil War.

D56 NANCY FRANCES DAVIS DEDEAUX (Page 99) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **ELIZABETH DEDEAUX** b 7-2-1894 m JARVIS LEE.
F's Albon, Alama, Aldon, Orpha.
E **HARMON DEDEAUX** b 1-7-1896 m ISA HICKMAN.
F's J. A., Ernest.

E **EMMALINE DEDEAUX** b 7-20-1898 m BASHO SMITH, h Perkinston d 9-27-1953.

E **HOMER DEDEAUX** b 10-29-1900 m IDA MASON.
F's Hubert, Herbert, Homer Ray, Catherine, Charles.

E **CORA DEDEAUX** b 2-2-1903 1st m 3-17-1917 ROBERT LADNER 2nd m 1944 JAMES A CROSS, h Gulfport.

E **FRANCES DEDEAUX** b 9-18-1905 m E. L. BARNES.

E **HUGO DEDEAUX** b 6-20-1908 1st m ELLEN JONES.
F's Louise, Douglas, Howard. 2nd m JUANITA BULLOCK.

D57 JOSEPHINE DAVIS SMITH

Josephine married Peter Patterson Smith in September 1892 and they were the parents of ten children. One can vision mothers, grandmothers, sisters and friends assembling around the quilting frame in July and August helping to provide this young bride with these home necessities, as practiced in Josephine's day. With a few pots and pans, home made benches and tables, many of our earlier families began housekeeping. The father of the bridegroom often presented the son with a milk cow, a horse and sometimes a 40 of land. We can be sure that Josephine learned early in life to cook the staple foods and wild game. Fresh home made grits and corn meal made at the old water "grist mill" on grinding days was a delicacy of a glorious past. All families grew sweet potatoes which they piled in a cone shape covered with pine straw, then soil—a "potato bank" which provided food for the entire year. They all also grew sugar cane for syrup that was delicious through the winter and corn also furnished hominy prepared by thrifty wives and mothers. Milk, butter, eggs, vegetables, fried chicken and home grown bacon and ham—with beef often dried on roof tops—supplied earlier families with a healthy food.

D57 JOSEPHINE DAVIS SMITH (Page 99) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E **JOHN ISAAC SMITH** b 6-7-1895 d 12-9-1944 m 4-10-1927 LOU BOATNER.

E **MISSOURI SMITH** b 2-7-1897 m Dec. 1916 THOMAS WASHINGTON LEE b 5-29-1892.
F Fannie Anna b 8-30-1918 m Hillery Hartfield b 1916 (G's) Christine b 2-3-1939, Johnnie b 2-20-1943, Betty Ann b 10-2-1951.
F Cecil Edward b 1-24-1921 m Lifey Flemming b 1917.
F Harrison L. b 5-29-1923 m Ola Williams b 5-4-1918 (G's) Harrison L. Jr., b 7-28-1941, Douglas Vance b 4-8-1946.

E NATHAN MILES SMITH b 3-24-1899 m 7-6-1920 LOUISA WILLIMENA OLGA MOELLER b 7-23-1901, h Picayune.
F Blondie Marie b 10-18-1924 m 4-5-1942 Jonh Martin Mitchell b 6-28-1922 (G's) James Broxie b 2-22-1943, John Wayne b 9-6-1944, Beverly Marie b 10-18-1946, Jerry Harley b 9-25-1948.
F Princh Harvey b 1-21-1926 m 12-4-1943 Mabelle Lee b 4-5-1926, (G's) Jannette Alene b 6-17-1945, Judy Mae b 12-2-1947, Sherra Nell b 7-2-1948, P. H. Smith Jr. b 4-22-1951.
F Ezra Andrew, h Picayune b 4-24-1928 m 3-15-1950 Charline Leora Loperb 9-12-1934 (G) Glen David b 2-22-1951, Nina Faye b 12-14-1953.
F Foster Ray, h Picayune b 9-7-1931 m 1-28-1949 Fredna Earle Walters b 8-21-1931 (G's) Ronald Ray b 8-11-1950, Aaron Arthur b 11-7-1953.
F Gladys Ivelle b 11-27-1935 m 7-22-1950, H. A. Skipper b 11-29-1932 (G's) Adrian b 6-2-1951, Karen Lois b 6-22-1953.

E DANIEL F. SMITH b 9-10-1903 m LILLIE WOOD Oct. 1897 h Picayune.

E LUCY ANN SMITH b 3-26-1907 m 1926 JOHN WILLIAM SPENCER.
F John William Jr. b July 1928 m 1946 Pauline McCrimmon (G's) Helen Marie b Oct. 1947, Mittie Mae b 7-9-1949.

E CORA C. SMITH b 3-29-1908 1st m ORA H. LEE b 3-29-1909.
F Bertie Lizet b 6-8-1923 m 2-6-1943 Daniel Chalmus Davis (G) Dale Vincent b 8-24-1948.
F Ruth b 2-1-1925 d 2-24-1925.
F Ruby Mae b 5-28-1926 m 10-2-1947 Vernon Dickerson (G's) Linda Diane b 10-14-1949, Judy Ann b 1-1-1951.
2nd m 2-10-1940 F. Z. Goss, h Picayune.

E PETER ANDREW SMITH b 11-18-1913 m 11-6-1932 THELMA CHADWICK, h Picayune.
F Mary Maude b 9-10-1933 m 8-22-1952 John Cleveland Skipper b 6-15-1933 (G) Huey Kemper b 5-23-1953.
F Bonnie Lee b 6-5-1937.

E EMALINE WILLIE M. SMITH b 1-10-1919 m 12-30-1945 GEORGE EARL CHADWICK b 12-6-1918, h New Orleans, La.

D58 GEORGE W. DAVIS

George was the 7th of 9 children of Frank and Anna Cooper Davis and was their 2nd son. One can be certain that his sisters, Sarah Elizabeth and Mary Caroline, at ages 16 and 13, shared both the joys and responsibilities of motherhood in helping to care for this and other younger brothers. It would be a safe wager that he traveled many miles on the hip of his mother and sisters going to and fro "taking in the washing", milking cows, gathering vegetables and driving in the cow to milk. George and his wife, Mary Louisa Fleming, had four children and many years of their life were spent in Louisiana.

D58 GEORGE W. DAVIS (Page 99) M. Ch. G. Ch.
E LOYD D. DAVIS m WILMER VAUGHN.
F Lester.
F Lois.

E ROY DAVIS m LEONA THIGPEN.
F Blondy
E FLOY DAVIS m MERCEDE CAMPBELL.
F Mary Alice.

D59 JOHN MIZELL DAVIS

John Mizell Davis married Corine Pigott who was a member of a large and popular Southwest Miss. family. Mizell is the youngest son of Henry Frank and Anna Cooper Davis, and next to the youngest of the nine children, Eliza being the youngest. The Mizell Davises have been a highly respected family of Picayune, Miss., where the two sons and a daughter were reared. Among the other things Corine and Mizell have to their credit is the loyal and most helpful role they played in helping to assimilate and report much of the Henry Frank Davis family data. Their splendid services should endear memory of them by all their near relatives who have, and will have, an intimate appreciation of this history.

His picture is shown with a group on page 28.

D59 JOHN MIZELL DAVIS (Page 99) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E BRUCE O. DAVIS b 10-5-1903 m 6-9-1935 BESSIE STEPHENS.
F Charlie K. b 11-19-1939.
F Bruce S. b 8-17-1941.
F Brice M. b 8-17-1941.
E CECIL A. DAVIS b 4-8-1906 m 1934 FANNIE CARROLL.
E MAE DAVIS b 5-21-1909 m 6-29-1935 CHARLIE MARQUEZ , Jersey City, N. J.

D60 ELIZA JANE DAVIS PIGOTT

Eliza Jane Davis married Rev Eugene C. Pigott, Dec. 11-1902. He was the son of John Travis Pigott, who was also the father of Corine Pigott, who married John Mizell Davis, brother of Eliza. This is another case of a brother and sister marrying a sister and brother.

The children of Eliza and Eugene, descendants of Frank and Anna Cooper Davis, and of John and Mary Ann Jenkins Pigott, were fortunate in having a good heritage.

D60 ELIZA JANE DAVIS PIGOTT (Page 100) M. Ch. G. Ch.

E ARDELLA PIGOTT b 7-29-1905 m 12-18-1930 HULBERT COOPER h Picayune.
F Day Fay b 4-17-1933 m 11-17-1951 Harry B. Adams b 9-21-1931.
F Reginald Eric b 7-19-1938.
E ALMA A. PIGOTT b 7-30-1909 m 10-5-1929 ANSEL SMITH.
F Delaine b 9-1-1931 m 2-26-1949 Paul Bourden (G) David Ansel.
F David b 7-8-1937.
E ZELMA E. PIGOTT b 9-24-1912 m 9-18-1934 EARL DUBVISSON b 9-24-1912.
E RUTH PIGOTT b 7-15-1916 m 7-18-1934 CARL J. LEE.
F Connie D. b 6-19-1935.
F D. Lee b 9-29-1939.
E PHONSIE PIGOTT b 6-19-1919 m 10-12-1952 LESSIE LEGGETT.
F Nell.
E EUGENE C. PIGOTT, JR. b 7-30-1922 m 10-23-1943 ARNELL WILSON.
F Lynen b 10-23-1944.
F Roy b 8-13-1946.

D61 DIED INFANT.

C6 REBECCA DAVIS JONES

This youngest daughter of James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis was named for her Aunt Rebecca Worthy. She married Zaacariah Jones and they also lived in Old Hancock County where her parents resided. One of Rebecca's children was named for her mother and one, Nixon, for her Uncle Nixon Worthy.

The reader will recall from the first chapter in this book on (A) Daniel Davis that he and John G. Worthy lived as neighbors where they first settled along Pearl River before they both moved to Copiah County where the families were closely associated for some 20 years. Five of James and Elizabeth's children were born there and the last two, Rebecca and James Madison Davis, in Hancock.

Rebecca died at the early age of 28, leaving her five very young children. In her day there was a common and understanding friendship during sickness and distant neighbors would agree to "set up" with the ill. The rules of health, sanitation and good nursing were handed down from generation to generation and the more alert women with pronounced instinctive abilities served the country-side at the time of child birth in the place of doctors.

We do not know the cause of Rebecca's untimely death but we all realize the influence that such fine women as her mother, Elizabeth, had on their children. One can imagine her values as a mother and grandmother in those early days had she lived to the ripe age of her sister, Nancy Davis Cooper.

We regret that our efforts to secure information on this family were only partially rewarded.

C6 Rebecca Davis (Page 27) M. Ch. G. Ch.

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	No. Ch.
D62	**FREEMAN JONES**			
	1st m ANNIE HARRIS			
	2nd m ALMA HARRISON.			
D63	**MAD. RANDOLPH JONES**	9-9-1871		13
	m 3-20-1898, h Carriere.			
	ELLA LUMPKIN.			
E	Mary Tyress	7- 8-1900		
E	Clara Vinson	1- 2-1902		
E	Clemmie Ethel	10- 9-1903		
E	Henry Taylor	11- 1-1904		
E	Willie S.	2-24-1906		
E	Freddie Marie	5- 7-1907		
E	Iva Caroline	12-18-1908		
E	Gladys Mae	4- -4-1910		
E	Cassie B.	12- 9-1911		
E	Douglas P.	9-12-1914		
E	Donald Dane	1-26-1916		
E	Doris Jane	1-26-1916		
E	Mildred Louise	10-10-1917		
D64	**"NICK JONES**			
	m Lizzie ODOM			
D65	**ELIZABETH JONES**			
	m THOMAS "FUMP" LEE.			
D66	**ETTA JONES**			
	m WILLIAM "BILL" LEE			

C7 JAMES MADISON DAVIS

James Madison Davis Family

Taken about 1893. 1st Row: Mary Magdelene, Mother holding William Derrison, Henry Madison, Daniel Tilley, Father. 2nd Row: Martha Mathena, Elijah Thomas. 3rd Row: Eliza Jane, Jesse Andrew, Leonard Wilson.

James Madison's marriage to Mary Jane Smith in 1854 was blessed with eleven children and over 40 splendid grandchildren who loved him dearly. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Matt" by his intimate relatives and friends held a high regard for this genteel family man.

"Matt" was the youngest son among the 7 children of James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis and to his credit, preserved their burial place and markers at Caesar Cemetary.

It is interesting to note from the Key Indexes in this book that Matt's father was 48 years old when he was born. His brother, William, was 24 and his brother, Daniel, had a son, Eli Peyton, just two years younger than his Uncle Matt.

James Madison and sister Rebecca were born in Hancock (now Pearl River) whereas their older brothers and sisters were born in Copiah County. He has lived his entire life in the Caesar Community where he was a good livestock grower and farmer. Nearly all his children and grandchildren live in this vicinity and the address is now Picayune, Miss. He was a deeply religious man who, by precept and example, reared seven sons and four daughters whose lives have reflected credit upon their Christian parents.

His granddaughter, Mattye Davis Carrier, was a valued contributor to the many other family records in this book as well as to its publication.

Uncle Matt's descendants have helped to make the Davis-Worthy reunions at Caesar an enjoyable Mother's Day occasion in 1937 and 1954 for visiting kin. In 1954 there were 15 surviving grandchildren of James and Elizabeth Worthy Davis present at the re-union. A valued picture of them is shown on page 28 of this book. Eight of these were sons and daughters of Uncle Matt. (B) James youngest son, (C7) Matt, has a son, Rufus D76, who is the youngest grandson, and Rufus has a son, Reginald Madison (E) who is the youngest great grandson of James and Elizabeth, recorded in this book.

C7 JAMES MADISON DAVIS (Page 27) M. Ch. G. Ch.

Key No.	Name	Born	Died	No. Ch.
D67	LEONARD WILSON DAVIS	12-1-1872		3
	m 12-27-1897, h Picayune Pages 112-113.			
	FLORA E. TATE.		8- 8-1954	3
E	Leander Maude	1-18-1899	8- 3-1905	
E	Mattye Jane	10- 9-1900		
E	Warren Alfred	5-25-1903		1
D68	ELIZAJANE DAVIS	9-27-1876	11-20-1945	9
	m 9-19-1899, h Carriere Page 114			
	EMMETT BRADY			
E	Haskel	7-1-1900	7-13-1900	
E	Zula	8- 4-1901	5- 3-1902	
E	Percy	3- 5-1903		2
E	Myrtle	8-12-1905		3
E	Myrtis	2-14-1908		2
E	Perley J. (Pat)	3- 4-1910		1
E	Perry	11- 4-1913		2
E	Parris	3- 3-1916		1
E	Infant dau.	2-12-1918	2-13-1918	
D69	JESSE A. DAVIS	5- 3-1878		4
	m 3-16-1899, h Picayune Page 114			
	MAGNOLIA E. MITCHELL	9-27-1882		4
E	Nora E.	2-27-1900		3
E	Magnolia	7-27-1902		1
E	Iris Opal	9-20-1906		1
E	Jesse Leon	2-13-1917		1
D70	ELIJAH T. DAVIS	12-13-1882		2
	m 2-11-1904 h Picayune Pages 114-115			
	GENEVA MITCHELL			9
E	James Otho	11- 4-1904		4
E	Nettie Alma	12-11-1905		2
E	Joseph Auburn	10-3-1907	10-23-1933	
E	Mary Thelma	3-24-1909		2
E	Myrtis Edith	9 -6-1911		3
E	Jessie Mae	12-11-1913		3
E	Daniel Chalmers	12- 8-1918		2
E	William Hollis	1- 8-1921		2
E	Laverne	9-17-1923		

D71	MARTHA M. DAVIS	6-12-1884		6
	m 1-17-1900 h Carriere	(Pages 115-116)		
	LEONARD MITCHELL	5-17-1877	8-18-1945	6
E	Cardelia	7-30-1901		2
E	Ernest	5- 5-1903		1
E	Ophelia	10-31-1906		
E	Viola	12-11-1911		3
E	Hollis	4-21-1913		3
E	Harvey	1- 4-1917		
D72	MARY M. DAVIS	6- 1-1886	11-11-1908	
	m 4-9-1908, h Carriere	(Page 116)		
	WILLIAM M. HENNES.			
D73	HENRY MADISON DAVIS	3- 7-1888		2
	m 1-15-1911 h Picayune	(Page 116)		
	IDA IRENE TATE	7-29-1893		2
E	E Flora Myree	6-21-1913		2
E	James Cleophus	2- 4-1915		3
D74	DANIEL TILLEY DAVIS	6- 3-1889		2
	m 6-9-1907, h Picayune	(Page 116)		
	ADA CATHERINE WHEAT			2
E	Searcy Medreth	5- 4-1916		1
E	Lee Edwin	6-26-1920		2
D75	WILLIAM D. DAVIS	8-29-1892		1
	m 8-14-1921 h Picayune	(Pages 116-117)		
	POLLY TATE			1
E	Lynwood Devon	9- 7-1926		
D76	ROBERT RUFUS DAVIS	2-14-1896		2
	m 12-3-1932 h Poplarville	(Page 117)		
	CORINNE BRELAND	2-17-1906		2
E	Reginald Madison	1-24-1942		
E	Connice Elaine	4- 8-1944		
D77	IDUMA DAVIS	6- 8-1898		3
	m 9-5-1920 h Carriere	(Page 117)		
	ANDREW JUDSON HOLLOWAY			3
E	Davis Lynell	9-26-1921		1
E	Bertie Lee	1- 1-1928		1
E	Lewis Judson	2- 4-1936		

D67 LEONARD WILSON DAVIS

Leonard and his wife Flora E. Tate and their three fine children lived their lives in Pearl River County, near Caesar, where his father resided and his grandfather settled in 1844. Leonard, as a progressive diversified farmer and a member of the youngest family of the 7 James Davis families, has been a part of the changes from the old era of farming to the new.

From a day of kerosene lamps, cleaning wicks and smoky glass chimneys, to electricity; from bridling an ornery mule that refused to have his ears touched, to a modern tractor; from a Georgia plow stock and sweep that too often hit a root to ram a plow handle in his groins, to power lifts from a cushioned tractor seat; from hog killings during the

first cold spell, scalding, scraping, hanging with the gambling stick—then to the smoke house for the lengthy hickory smoke until cured - to modern meat curing plants and food lockers; from a dug well with two oaken buckets at each end of a rope over a pulley, to electric water pumps, kitchen sinks and modern bath rooms.

Leonard's farm record has been equaled by few and he is highly respected for his fine qualities as a neighbor and family man.

D67 LEONARD WILSON DAVIS (Page 111) M. ch. G. ch.

E **MATTYE J. DAVIS** b 10-9-1900 m 6-14-1928 WILLIAM M. CARRIER h Picayune.
E **WARREN ALFRED DAVIS** b 5-25-1903 m 8-8-1925 DAVIE LOU SAXTON h Bogalousa, La.
F Fredda b 9-28-1926 m 12-27-1949 David Hargrove, Texada Jr. (G) David Hargrove III b 11-24-1952 h Augusta, Ga.

D68 ELIZA JANE DAVIS BRADY

Eliza Jane married Emmet Brady in 1899 and to this couple were born 9 children. No doubt after losing her first two children as infants this mother reflected a great deal upon the changing times in her 69 years before she died in 1945 following the turmoil of World War II.

Scientific men marvel at the endurance of the human mind and body. The adjustments required to meet life's changes are strenuous, however progressive. From the slower horse and buggy day when the serene greenery of the land was restful to eyes and conducive to well being, to a fast pace-in one long life-of glare, speed and strenuous activity. It is no wonder that many of our kin who were in business and the professions turn back to the life of our forefathers, to farming, and livestock growing, seeking a more natural way of living.

D68 ELIZA JANE DAVIS BRADY (Page 111) M. ch. G. ch.

E **PERCY BRADY** b 3-5-1903 m 1-1-1926 HATTIE WATSON h Carriere
F Sharlena b 10-16-1927.
F Virginia Merle b 3-6-1933 m Melton Smith, (G) Monty Gayle
E **MYRTLE BRADY** b 8-12-1905 m 12-24-1926 CLARENCE SCOFFIELD h Gulfport.
F Elmer b 9-7-1927.
F Carley D. b 1-31-1930.
F Yvonne b 10-19-1932.
E **MYRTIS BRADY** b 2-14-1908 m 10-6-1934 LAMAR E. CARROLL b 2-2-1910 h Gulfport.
F Rebecca Maxine b 9-6-1935 m 12-18-1954 Joseph Newton Holcomb b 1-29-1932. (G) Joseph Newton Jr., b 10-29-1955.
F Janice Fay b 10-9-1940.
E **PERLEY J. BRADY** b 3-4-1910 m 10-26-1940 MARIE DONALD h h McNeill.
F James Madison b 10-31-1946.
E **PERRY BRADY** b 11-4-1913 m 8-27-1932 FORESTINE HOLCOMB h Gulfport.
F Dixie b 4-22-1935.
F Linda Sue
E **PARRIS BRADY** b 3-3-1916 m 5-16-1936 GLADYS ENTREKIN h McNeill.
F Raymond.

D69 JESSE ANDREW DAVIS

Jessie married Magnolia E. Mitchell and their four children were born in the early 1900's. Jesse, like all the sons of James Madison, lives near Picayune and like his grandfather James Davis (1804-1892) has lived the enterprising but independent experience of a man of the field, forest and stream.

There is an interesting change in the size of families from the 1800's compared to the 1900's as shown in the Key Index family lists of C's and D's throughout this book. Those lists are most revealing, showing trends and histories of families that words do not portray. During panics, wars, depressions and prosperity family sizes vary, and the increase in births from the World War II period is noticable.

D69 JESSIE ANDREW DAVIS (Page 111) M. ch G. ch.

E **NORA E. DAVIS** b 2-27-1900 m 9-3-1922 JAMES H. McQUEEN.
F Infant son b 11-11-1928 d 11-12-1928.
F Eula Elizabeth b 3-12-1930 m 12-28-1950 Arthur E. Clarke Jr. (G) Laura Stephone b 9-29-1952 h Picayune.
F James Harvey, Jr. b 1-2-1934.

E **MAGNOLIA DAVIS** b 7-27-1902 m 5-29-1921 FRANK ASHER h Picayune.
F Ethel Magnolia b 4-9-1922 m 3-28-1942 Talmage Burnett Breland (G's) Daniel Michael b 7-1-1943, Margaret Lynn b 11-13-1944.

E **IRIS OPAL DAVIS** b 9-20-1906 m 2-9-1924 ARCHIE McQUEEN h Picayune.
F Verna Mae b 3-7-1926 m 12-12-1945 Douglas H. Seal (G's) Cheryl Ann b 9-11-1947, Lynda Kay b 11-18-1949.

E **JESSE LEON DAVIS** b 2-13-1917 m 6-26-1937 OSSIE MAE LANDRUM h Picayune.
F Ray Errol b 8-25-1939.

D70 ELIJAH THOMAS DAVIS

Elijah's marriage to Geneva Mitchell in 1904 was 100 years after his grandfather, James Davis, was born and when his father was 50 years old.

While, no doubt, Elijah had the help of his father, brothers and friends when he first married, the old custom of log rollings had begun to pass. Earlier families cut and assembled long leaf pines with saw and ax. These timbers were hewn by apt hands for use in building log homes on old fat pine, rot and termite proof blocks that yet remain under some of these older homes. These old homesteads lay in the background of magnificent, lofty water oak trees, today, marking a romantic period in the lives of our forefathers and our country. Many were built when entire families from the countryside assembled with tools and food for this "log rolling" day - and a new home was made.

D70 ELIJAH THOMAS DAVIS (Page 112) M. ch. G. ch.

E **JAMES OTHO DAVIS** b 11-4-1904 m 2-2-1926 MAUDE ELLA TATE
F Durwood E. b 10-12-1927.
F Julian D. b 4-26-1929.
F Patricia Ventura 10-12-1931.
F James Auburn b 10-23-1933.

E NETTIE A. DAVIS b 12-11-1905 m JOSEPH SAXON.
F Bonnie Jo.
F Levi.

E MARY THELMA DAVIS b 3-24-1909 1st m 6-15-1927 JAMES CARSON McDUFFIE d 2nd m 3-13-1936 LYMAN SIDNEY FAGAN d. 3rd m 2-24-1951 HUGH ARCHIE McDUFFIE.
F Jimmie Clair.
F David Henry.

E MYRTIS DAVIS b 9-6-1911 m 9-8-1942 R. C. SANDERSON. 2nd m 7-24-1950 FRED J. JOHNSON.
F's Richard, Raymond, Geneva.

E JESSIE MAE DAVIS b 12-11-1913 1st m 3-10-1934 BRUTUS MILLER 2nd m 2-2-1948 JAMES DEARMAN.
F's Jerry, Billy Wyane, James.

E DANIEL C. DAVIS b 12-8-1918 m 12-6-1943 BERTIE LEE h Picayune.
F's Dale b 8-24-1948, Wilma Ruth b 7-23-1954.

E WILLIAM HOLLIS b 1-8-1921 m 11-16-1939 RUBY LEE DEERE h Picayune.
F's Elaine, Preston

E LAVERNE DAVIS b 9-17-1923 m 10-13-1945 VESTA RAE LANDRUM h Picayune.

D71 MARTHA MATHENA DAVIS MITCHELL

Martha's marriage to Leonard Mitchell in 1900 was another link of the many earlier families of old Hancock and Pearl River counties joined by marriage and so noticable throughout this book. The blood relations are so numerous that no one person could possibly trace them without a record of this kind. Davis, Spiers, Cooper, Mitchell, Smith, Lee, Jones, Pigott, Chandler, Ladner, Breland, Price, Miller, Landrum, Broadus, Batson, Dedeaux, Myrick, Dearman, Boone, Lumpkin, Wheat and Tate, to name a few.

No doubt all of us have associated with worthy kin we did not know.

Martha and Leonard made their farm home east of Carriere in their home county.

D71 MARTHA M. DAVIS MITCHELL (Page 112) M. ch. G. ch.

E CORDELIA MITCHELL b 7-30-1901 m ALVIN COURTNEY b 9-22-1897.
F's Vernon b 9-28-1934, Mary Vondell b 10-24-1936.

E ERNEST MITCHELL b 5-5-1903 m MYRTLE HOLLOWAY b 12-11-1909.
F Lois b 6-9-1928 m Wallace Dickerson (G) Son.

E VIOLA MITCHELL b 12-11-1911 m JEWEL PENTON b 1-11-1900.
F Jewel, Jr.
F James b 11-13-1932.
F Maxie Ruth b 11-9-1935.

E HOLLIS MITCHELL b 4-21-1913 m CORA BILBO b 2-20-1917.
F's Osbourne, Douglas, Carlie.

E HARVEY MITCHELL b 1-4-1917 m FLORA BILBO b 9-15-1916.

D72 MARY M. DAVIS HENNES, d 11-11-1908. (Page 112)

D73 HENRY MADISON DAVIS

Henry Madison was no doubt named for his father and Uncle Henry Frank Davis. His marriage to Ida Irene Tate was another link of earlier families and they were blessed with two children and five grandchildren recorded in this book. It is regretted that many recent changes in the lives of families cannot be related in this book. To do so the correspondence alone would be never ending. It is surprising how many good people there are who delay answers for months—and others with good intentions who never do. Our main effort is to supply the older records trusting that those living today will fill in their personal family history.

D73 HENRY MADISON DAVIS (Page 112) M. ch. G. ch.

E FLORA M. DAVIS b 6-21-1913 m 12-5-1931 OVID E. WESTBROOK b 8-21-1909.
F Ovid Kermitt b 10-22-1932.
F Howard Shelby b 7-24-1936.

E JAMES C. DAVIS b 2-4-1915 m. 1-14-1933 EASTER LANDRUM b 6-17-1916 h Santa Barbara, Calif.
F Burlon D. b 10-1-1933.
F James Durwood.
F Mickey Ray.

D74 DANIEL TILLEY DAVIS

Daniel Tilley married Ada Catherine Wheat, who was a daughter of Hezekiah Wheat, in 1907. This marriage formed a double relationship unknown to many of the Wheat and Davis offsprings due to earlier deaths.

Hezekiah's sister, Mary Jane Wheat, was the first wife of Rev. R. N. Davis (D20) and was the mother of five children, before her death in 1885; with 64 of their offspring listed in this book.

Ada Catherine and those five children are first cousins on the Wheat side. Daniel Tilley and Richard Nixon were first cousins on the Davis side.

D74 DANIEL TILLEY DAVIS (Page 112) M. ch. G. ch.

E SEARCY M. DAVIS b 5-4-1916 m 7-2-1941 VIRGINIA BURGE b 9-4-1922.
F Charlotte Ruth b 6-22-1946.

E EDWIN DAVIS b 6-26-1920 m 7-5-1945 LESLIE C. MITCHELL b 12-20-1919 h Picayune.
F's Bettye Laree b 8-7-1946, James Edwin b 4-21-1948.

D75 WILLIAM DERRISON DAVIS

Will D. and his wife, Etta Tate Davis, showed family loyalty and cooperation beyond measure in securing information on these pages. It is hoped that all readers will understand that they, like all others co-operating on this book, did so without compensation.

It should be well understood by all readers that it is not possible to publish a book of this kind without loss to ourselves and others who have sacrificed time, at great expense, to have this family history published. To them we should all be grateful. To Will and Etta, thanks again!

D76 ROBERT RUFUS DAVIS (Page 112)

Rufus, the youngest boy of the clan, is modern for his age group - being 44 years younger than his Uncle Daniel's oldest son, Eli Peyton Davis. Rufus's sister is the youngest of all the group of 77 D's and his son the youngest of their several hundred children.

He and his wife Corinne Breland Davis live on Route 3, Poplarville, Miss., where he is a farmer and livestock producer like his forefathers on both sides.

A rare picture of this youngster may be seen on page 28 of this book with a group of surviving first cousins - some old enough to be his father.

When a book of this kind becomes a reality we all see those things that might have been. While we are very proud of the many pictures reproduced here for permanent preservation for our families, we regret not having more family groups and that some pictures could not be reproduced.

No married ch. or G.ch. recorded.

D77 IDUMA DAVIS HOLLOWAY

Iduma, the 77th and last of the D's, was born when her father (C7) was 44 years old, 94 years after her grandfather (B) James was born—and 126 years after her great grandfather (A) Daniel was born in North Carolina.

Iduma and her first cousin, Theodotia Davis Chandler, were the only two living grand daughters of Elizabeth Worthy Davis in 1954. Their pictures at Caesar on Mother's Day 1954 are shown with a group of cousins on page 28 of this book.

There was no attempt made in this family history to make a record of those hundreds who served to defend our country and ideals in the various wars. That is a worthy history within itself apart from this undertaking. Nor have we attempted to eulogize so many of our living cousins who have reached greatness or fame in their chosen fields. It is hoped that this simple history of our foreparents, together with the records of their descendants, will serve as an inspiration to the living and all our children of the future.

D77 IDUMA DAVIS HOLLOWAY (Page 112) M. ch. G. ch.

E **DAVIS LYNELL HOLLOWAY** b 9-26-1921 m 3-2-1946 VIVIAN REEVES h Ocean Springs.
F Ritta Fay b 6-3-1948.

E **BERTIE LEE HOLLOWAY** b 1-1-1928 m 12-5-1952 HOLLIS JONES h Carriere.
F David Ellis b 8-20-1954.

DISTINGUISHING THE TWO JAMES DAVISES

These two men were near the same age, both had large families living in practically the same area and their pattern of living was similar. Obviously it has not been easy to distinguish the two, to date, without actual records - even for several families who are the descendants of both of them. D19, Eli Peyton Davis is the oldest grandson of (B) James and his wife ALZADA DAVIS was the granddaughter of James "Big Jim" Davis. Their daughter Lucye Davis Williamson, who was a great granddaughter of both James Davises was unable to trace any relationship through either of her grand parent's connections.

The lives and family histories of (A) Daniel Davis born in North Carolina (1772 - 1856) and his children, including (B) James Davis (1804 -1892) are recorded throughout this book. The names of their children may be read on page 22 and 23.

The other James "Big Jim" Davis family is given below but without date of births or birth order.

JAMES "BIG JIM" DAVIS
married
JANE SWETMAN b 1825, daughter of Wm. M. Swetman and Sarah Byrd.
Their CHILDREN AND MARRIAGES
(1) George Benton Davis m Delpha Batson
Walter Davis m Melvina Batson
Samuel Davis m Sally Price
Ripley Davis m Mary Moody
Fletcher Davis m Emma Price
(2) Elizabeth Davis m Eli Batson
(3) LeRoy Davis m Amanda Batson
William Rankin Davis m Elizabeth Jane Batson
Missouri Davis m Press Bond
Tobe Davis
Raz Davis

SOME CONNECTIONS BY MARRIAGE

(1) above: their daughter Azadia married (B) James Davis grandson (D19) Eli Peyton Davis.

(2) above: their son Rankin Davis Batson married (D25) Frances Davis. Their granddaughter, Mrs. Helen Peet, Box 101, Auburn, Ala., has a good record of the "Big Jim" Davis families.

(3) above: their son Walter M. married (D20's) daughter Emmaline and their daughter Minnie married (D20's) son J. B. Davis.

There are other later marriages linking these two families that are recorded in this book. Some, however, are not traced to either family - as Floyd Davis, Sr., who married into the D43 James I Cooper family. His son Jesse W. (whose mother was a (B) James Davis descendant) lost his life in an automobile accident May 17, 1956 as we turned this last chapter in to the printer. Floyd Jr.'s wife was typesetting this book.

The Price families in this book (D21 Jane and Dan Price) are related to the Sally and Emma Price families above. Interesting relationships may be revealed in every chapter of this book.

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